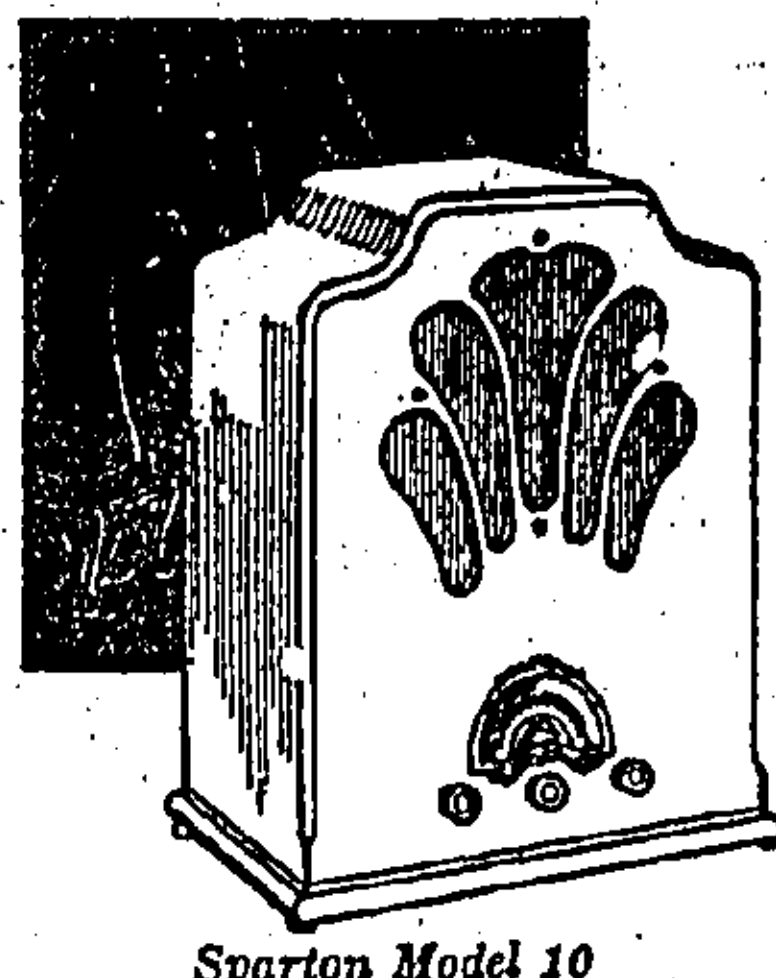




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HOOVER URGES CONGRESS TO RECONSIDER WORLD WAR DEBTS.

JAPAN TRADE REGAINS LOST GROUND HERE

But Colony's Total
Commerce Falls.

\$90,000,000 IN NOVEMBER.

For the first time since the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods commenced in the last quarter of 1931, imports from Japan during the month of November, 1932, showed an appreciable recovery, totalling \$2,124,351, an increase of \$407,117 as compared with November, 1931, and \$399,434 more than October, 1932, the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department reports to-day.

The total imports of merchandise into the Colony in the month of November amounted to \$47.4 millions (\$2.2 millions) as compared with \$60.3 millions (\$4.1 millions, in November of last year, while exports totalled \$41.7 millions (\$2.8 millions) as compared with \$45.2 millions (\$3.1 millions).

In the Japanese trade, the chief increases were in foodstuffs, which rose from \$35,000 to \$377,000; hardware from \$7,000 to \$15,000; paper and paperware from \$23,000 to \$81,000; piece goods from \$47,000 to \$742,000; wearing apparel from \$10,000 to \$85,000; and sundries from \$174,000 to \$271,000.

Wide Variety.
Imports of bleached cottons from Japan increased from 322 pieces to 7,443 pieces; light cotton fancies from 474,667 yards to 2,501,196 yards; prints from 10,800 yards to 73,650 yards; cotton blankets from 2,300 pieces to 10,334 pieces; silk piece goods from 3 piculs to 49 piculs; chinaware from \$7,135 to \$13,530; electrical apparatus from \$17,296 to \$57,007; vacuum flasks from 288 pieces to 17,658 pieces; glassware from \$1,270 to \$9,217; haberdashery from \$3,172 to \$21,000.

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JARL NE STEAMER RUNS AGROUND.

Passengers Carried
Ashore.

The Jardine steamer s.s. Hin Sang, engaged on the Sandakan-Hong Kong run, went off her course and grounded on the Cuckoo Rocks in Kowloon Bay, while proceeding up the Harbour on Saturday night.

She was proceeding very cautiously at the time, and did not become lodged very firmly. The incident occurred at 8.20 p.m. and by shortly after 9 p.m. she had freed herself without sustaining serious damage.

The only passengers on board at the time were Chinese, and these were landed by launch, sampan and motor-boat as soon as the ship struck.

The s.s. Hin Sang (Captain Alexandre) was built at Home in 1905.

DOLLAR REMAINS UNCHANGED.

Pound Maintains Steady
Improvement.

No further change is reported in the local dollar, which opened this morning at 1/3 1/4. Spot silver also remained steady, being quoted this morning at 17. The forward price opened at 17. 1/16, an advance of 1/16 on Saturday's price.

The pound improved slightly, the London on New York cross rate standing at 2-6 3/8 3/4, as against 2-6 3/8 3/4 on Saturday. The New York on London rate improved from 2-6 3/8 3/4 to 2-6 3/8 3/4 1/16.

HARBIN SCHOOL CHILDREN MUST LEARN JAPANESE.

Text Book Reform Planned For
All Of Manchukuo.

Harbin, To-day.
The Japanese press reports that all text books used in schools in Manchukuo are being revised and that reforms will be put into effect at the beginning of the next school year.

It is also reported that in future the Manchu and Japanese languages will be taught in Harbin schools.—Reuter.

INEFFECTUAL PUNISHMENT OF CHINESE

Mr. Justice Wood's
Comment.

MANY OLD OFFENDER.

"Your system of punishment seems to be breaking down," said Mr. Justice Wood to Mr. J. A. Fraser, the Assistant Attorney-General, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the case of a deportee, who repeatedly returned to the Colony in spite of heavy punishment, came before him.

Lau Po, who was deported for life on June 25, 1930, pleaded guilty.

In 1922 the accused was convicted for unlawful possession of arms and was sentenced to two months' hard labour. From 1922 until 1928 the accused had a clean record, but in the latter year he was again convicted for possession of arms and sentenced to 8 months' hard labour.

In December, 1931, Lau Po was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour for larceny and deported for life. He was also ordered to be whipped on four occasions.

The accused admitted the previous convictions.

Mr. Justice Wood to Mr. Fraser: Your system of punishment seems to be breaking down?

Mr. Fraser: I am afraid that the convictions have not made the slightest difference to the accused. He is now serving a term of three months' hard labour for a vagabond and rogue.

Sentence of three years' hard labour to run concurrently with the other sentence was passed.

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GREAT BRITAIN PUTS HER CASE BEFORE LEAGUE

Persia Not Represented
In Discussion.

FRESH JAPAN VIEWS.

Geneva, To-day.
Sir William Malkin, chief legal adviser to the Foreign Office, will present the British case in the Persian oil dispute before the League Council to-morrow, owing to Sir John Simon's inability to attend through illness.

Proceedings will be formal, as it is understood the Persian Government will not be represented.

The Japanese, meanwhile, have presented their observations in reply to the draft of the resolution of the Committee of Nine.

It is understood that they object to several features, but are prepared to accept the plan that Chapters Nine and Ten of the Lytton Report shall serve as a basis of further discussion, with certain reservations.

It is hoped the whole question will be adjourned to-morrow for a fortnight.—Reuter.

SUDDEN CHANGE OF U.S. ATTITUDE

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF AMERICAN LEADERS

RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTED

PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER, FOLLOWING HIS MESSAGE TO LONDON LAST WEEK, WHICH, IN EFFECT, DECLARED THAT HE BELIEVED IT WAS TOO LATE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER REVISION OF WAR DEBTS, HAS SUDDENLY SHIFTED HIS GROUND.

The President has laid the full responsibility for acceptance or refusal of Great Britain's request for immediate discussion of the inter-Governmental debts to the none-too-willing shoulders of Congress.

Mr. Hoover only took this step after discussing the situation with Government leaders and financial men in New York. It is considered likely that pressure of finance and commercial interests have forced this change of view.

After an extraordinary conference at the White House, with Secretary of State H. L. Stimson, Mr. Leyland Harrison, the Governor of New York, officials of the Federal Reserve Bank and Senator Smoot, President Hoover, assisted by Mr. Ogden Mills, Secretary of the Treasury, spent all Sunday drafting a message to Congress, recommending the appointment of a Commission to review the war debt question and linking the problem of debt with world economic affairs.

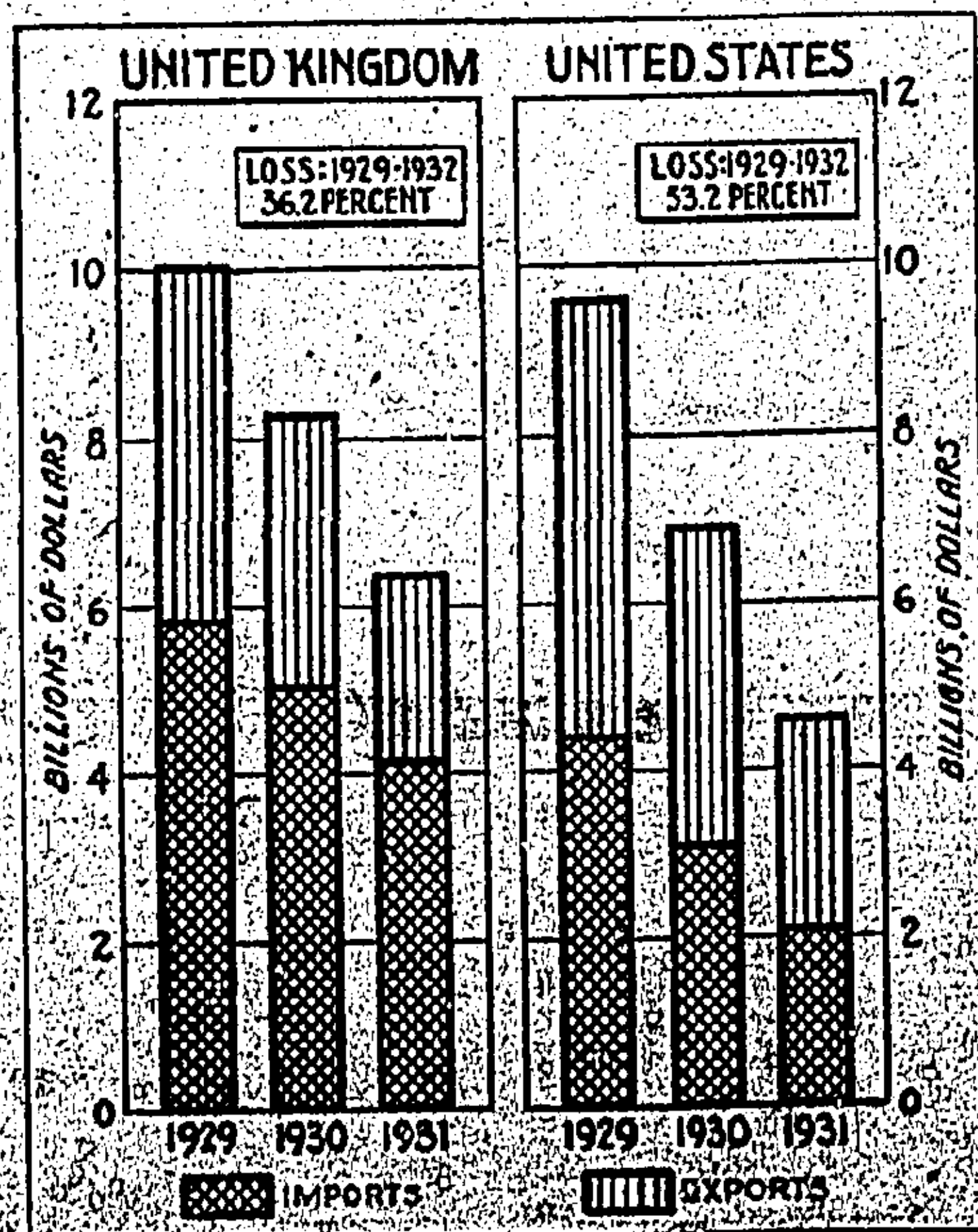
The Bankers' Views.

Washington has been aware for some time that the lords of Wall Street, and a large percentage of the commercial leaders, have favoured not only a discussion of the war debt situation in the immediate future, but were convinced that Great Britain's demand for suspension of the December payments to America was a wise one. Powerful financiers are known to have brought to the attention of the administration the possibility of severe reaction against American trade and prestige overseas if she refused to consider the requests of her former allies in war.—Reuter.

AMAZING GOLF.

L. R. Andrewes (3), won the Fanning Bogey Pool over the old course during the weekend, when he finished seven up. There were 39 entries.

WAR DEBTS AND TRADE.



CHINA NAMES DR. YEN FOR SOVIET POST

Minister At Washington
Going To Russia.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Moscow, To-day.
Dr. W. W. Yen, China's Minister to Washington, who is at present at Geneva, will be appointed Minister to the Soviet, following resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, according to official Chinese circles here.

It is believed that the appointment will be acceptable to the Soviet.

Official Chinese observers in Moscow foresee a big development in Sino-Soviet trade after establishment of the Chinese embassy here. But they also say that conferences between China and the Soviet, regarding the Chinese Eastern Railway are impossible at present owing to the "occupation" of Manchuria.—Reuter.

C.E.R. Freight Falls

Over One-Third
Decrease.

Harbin, To-day.
The Japanese claim that trade is improving but admit that the Chinese Eastern Railway, during November, carried less than two-thirds of the merchandise conveyed in November last year.—Reuter.

CHINESE GIVEN THREE YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Manslaughter Charge
Heard at Sessions.

COOLIE BEATEN TO DEATH.

Charges including manslaughter and robbery were heard today at the opening of the December Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Wood, at the Supreme Court.

Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed on Wong Ngan, who was charged with robbery.

The accused is the fourth to be sentenced in this particular robbery, three of the five men implicated were convicted at the November Sessions by Mr. Justice Wood.

On September 28, five men broke into the house of three women in Shek Woo Tong Village in the New Territories, bound the women and robbed them of all their valuables and money.

The accused was arrested when he attempted to pawn some of the stolen clothing. He admitted his guilt.

Manslaughter Case.
Lo Chong, charged with manslaughter, following the death of a Chinese named Tong Chat, on October 23, 1932, in the Colony, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo) appeared on behalf of the defendant. Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

Deceased was 43. While carrying some baskets of cabbage he was met by some coolies who took the baskets away from him and assaulted him.

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Amy Johnson (Mrs. J. A. Morrison) has successfully concluded her flight from the Cape to London.

PHILIPPINES THREATENING U.S. BOYCOTT

Senate Has Altered
Independence Bill.

VETO IS ANTICIPATED.

Manila, To-day.
The Philippine Civic Union has threatened to boycott all United States products, as a protest against the passage of a Philippines Independence Bill in an altered and objectionable form. The Bill has been changed by the Washington Senate.

May Be "Vetoed."

Washington, To-day.
The Senate's action inserting in the Philippines Independence Bill a plan for Filipinos to vote on the Constitution, instead of the original clause calling for withdrawal of United States sovereignty only after the islanders had voted for independence at the end of a twelve-year period, led some Senators to predict a presidential veto of the Bill.—Reuter.

QUESTIONS ON HEALTH SURVEY BEFORE BOARD

Mr. M. K. Lo Announces
Several Queries.

TO-MORROW'S MEETING.

Mr. M. K. Lo will put forward questions at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow regarding anti-malarial and anti-tuberculosis work being carried on in the Colony.

Mr. Lo will ask:

"With reference to my questions on the 9th December, 1930, the Head of the Sanitary Department's replies of the same day, my further questions on the 8th December, 1931, and the Head of the Sanitary Department's replies of the same day, regarding malaria and its prevention in Hong Kong:

(1)—Will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to ascertain from the Government, and inform this Board, whether the 'comprehensive survey of the Colony' by the Malariaologist has now been completed?"

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NO PROTEST OVER INVOICE SYSTEM

The anticipation that the opening of a Consular Invoice Office in Hong Kong would arouse many protests from the Canton merchants, has proved unfounded.

Seen by press representatives yesterday, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Chairman to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, said that the operation of the office was proving simple and no protest had so far been received.

PETITION FOR CHENG'S LIFE BEFORE S.C.A.

Prominent Chinese
Signatories.

PRISONER'S LAST HOPE.

Bearing the names of 230 prominent Chinese merchants, the petition for the life of Cheng Kwok-yau was handed in to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs this morning, for presentation to the Government.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so delivered the petition, on behalf of the three Chinese members of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so and the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.

Dr. T'so informed the China Mail this morning that the petition contained a limited number of names, each signatory being a prominent local Chinese business man. The names of many bankers appeared on the list, also the names of the Justices of the Peace.

This petition constitutes the last step to save Cheng from the gallows, following his conviction on a charge of instigating the murder of George Fung at Village Road. The application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council was refused by the Judicial Committee last week.

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A four page pictorial supplement is published with the issue. The pictures of local interest include 80 photographs of Hong Kong and Kowloon, and Chinese scenes, while recent events pictorially represented include the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps camp, the opening of the Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library, of the Hong Kong University by H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.), Girl Guides' presentation of the Thanks Badge to H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. In addition, photographs of current happenings in England and pictures of Christmas significance are published.

Local Contributors.
Local writers are well featured in the Christmas Supplement among the contributors being the Rev. J. N. Lewis Bryan and the Rev. E. L. Allen.

Leaders of the Hong Kong clergy including the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, Dean of Hong Kong, the Rev. H. Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic, and the Rev. W. Walton

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GEORGIAN HOMES POPULAR AGAIN.

Changing Vogue In Architecture.

London.
It was all to the good when the
architects of the late nineteenth and
early twentieth centuries decided
that it would be a good thing for
the Victorian villa to be superseded
by a modern version of the
sixteenth-century home.

Reproductions of half-timbered
houses, with plenty of plasterwork
and lattice panes, were, even if a
little mechanical, a distinct improve-
ment upon stucco and long flights
of front doorsteps.

For the time being the suburbs,
both garden and otherwise, going
all out for Jacobean furniture with
which to fill their Tudor interiors,
scored a success. They had fun
choosing lantern fittings for their
electric light, basket-grates for the
gas-fires, rush matting for the floors,
and reproduction tapestry for the
curtains.

Tired of Tudor.

Now that diamond-pane windows
and latched gates have become stan-
dardised and every arterial road has
gone Elizabethan, taste is beginning
to veer in other directions, and those
about to buy or to build are asking
themselves why we have neglected
other eras for so long.

To-day, according to the leading
house agents, "everyone is asking
for Georgian." Down Chelsea way,
where there is Georgian, good, bad,
and indifferent, all three seem to be
equally in demand. The Georgian
architect, though he planned a good
deal that is domestically inconvenient
in modern opinion, seldom made
mistakes over proportions.

Bloomsbury's In Step.

The London squares in the
Bloomsbury district, of rather a dif-
ferent type of Georgian, have
come into their own again since we
tired of Tudor. Their spacious
floors are sought after for adapta-
tion into maisonettes, though, sad
to relate, the conversion too often
plays havoc with their original
architectural intent.

Georgian houses, lapsed into tem-
porary squalor in certain obscure
streets in town and the suburbs, are
being reclaimed, and are astonish-
ing their neighbours from time to
time by issuing forth with fronts
re-pointed, front doors stippled, and
the fanlight restored above.



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

BREAKFAST.

Grape Fruit or Orange
Cereal
Fried Bacon and Tomatoes
Savoury Omelette
Creamed Finnan Haddock
Kedgeree
Coffee or Tea Toast Marmalade
Rolls and Butter

TIFFIN.

Hors Œuvres
Soup: Cream of Cauliflower,
Tomato, Asparagus, Oxtail
or Celery
Stuffed Baked Halibut Steaks
Grilled Mackerel
Turbot with Spanish Sauce
Cod Creme au Gratin
Fried Fillets of Sole
Lamb Cutlets
Sauté Rabbit
Fricassee of Chicken
Blanquettes of Veal
Stewed Celery Brussels Sprouts
Peas Potatoes, baked, mashed,
or sauté
Pineapple Fritters
Loganberry Pudding
Apple Flan
Rice Pudding
Compote of Fruit
Cheese Coffee Biscuits

DINNER.

Grape Fruit
Soup, thick or clear
Cod Mennier
Grilled Sole
Skate and Caper Sauce
Sauté Kidneys and Mushrooms
Escallops of Veal
Chicken Vol-au-vent
Jugged Hare

Roast Beef
Saddle of Mutton
Roast Partridge, Pheasant,
or Grouse
Potatoes, baked, boiled, or fried
French Beans Cream Carrots
Parsnips
Pêche Melba
Creme Caramel
Poire Helene
Dessert
Coffee

MILK CLEANS GLOVES.

The coloured kid gloves which are
so popular at present may be clean-
ed at home without a great deal of
trouble. A little milk and some
soap will be needed for the process.
Dip a soft piece of cloth in the milk
and then rub it on the soap before
beginning to clean the gloves. Rub
the gloves all over, a piece at a time,
continually dipping the cloth in the
milk and rubbing it on the soap be-
fore applying it to the gloves. When
the gloves have been thoroughly
cleaned they should be dried in a
warm room, but not near a fire.
Stretch the gloves evenly several
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QUEEN DOES HER XMAS SHOPPING.

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DISCOVERS ANTIQUES.

The Queen has been busy with her
Christmas shopping, and on almost
every free afternoon she has been
to one of London's big stores, whose
goods she by no means disdains, or
else to one of the many little antique
shops which she knows so well.

Every Christmas, Her Majesty
sends out something like 1,500
Christmas presents, each chosen
with care and thought for the
recipient's taste, and the actual work
of collecting them together is con-
siderable. There is a special room
in Buckingham Palace where these
gifts are stored until the time comes
for them to be dispatched, and al-
though most of her shopping is done
in October and November, the
Queen often begins buying the fol-
lowing year's Christmas presents as
soon as the previous Christmas is
over.

It is not only the need for Christ-
mas presents and the enlargement of
her own collection of treasures that
draws the Queen to the antique
shops, however. She also buys gifts
for the various museums, and has
filled many gaps by her knowledge
and indefatigable searching. She
goes fairly often to the museums
and notes what is wanted.

Harrogate Find.

Not long ago, the Victorian period
collection at the Victoria and Albert
Museum was completed by the
Queen's efforts, and for the Victo-
rian Room at the Bethnal Green
Museum, she procured two fire-
screens, which she found in an anti-
que shop in Harrogate when on a
visit to the Princess Royal, and also
an embroidered footstool. One of
the screens is in walnut frame con-
taining an embroidered representa-
tion of one of Sir Edwin Landseer's
pictures at Balmoral Castle.

The Queen is also interested in a
scheme for showing to children who
have no ancestral homes of their own
the homes of England throughout
the ages by means of dolls' houses,
and has presented half a dozen of
the twenty on view at Bethnal Green.

Sometimes Her Majesty turns
over her own treasures and finds
specimens that will fill gaps in
museums. The Benares and Ivory
beds in the Indian Museum have
coverlets presented by the Queen,
and there is also a wonderful earl,
decorated with cone pattern and
filled in with seed pearls, for
which she was responsible.

The Queen's interest extends to
the Service Museums, and a china
inkstand representing Napoleon's
hat, and an ivory cardcase with pic-
tures of St. Helena on one side and
Napoleon's tomb on the other, which
she found in a shop at Windsor, are
among the treasures at the Royal
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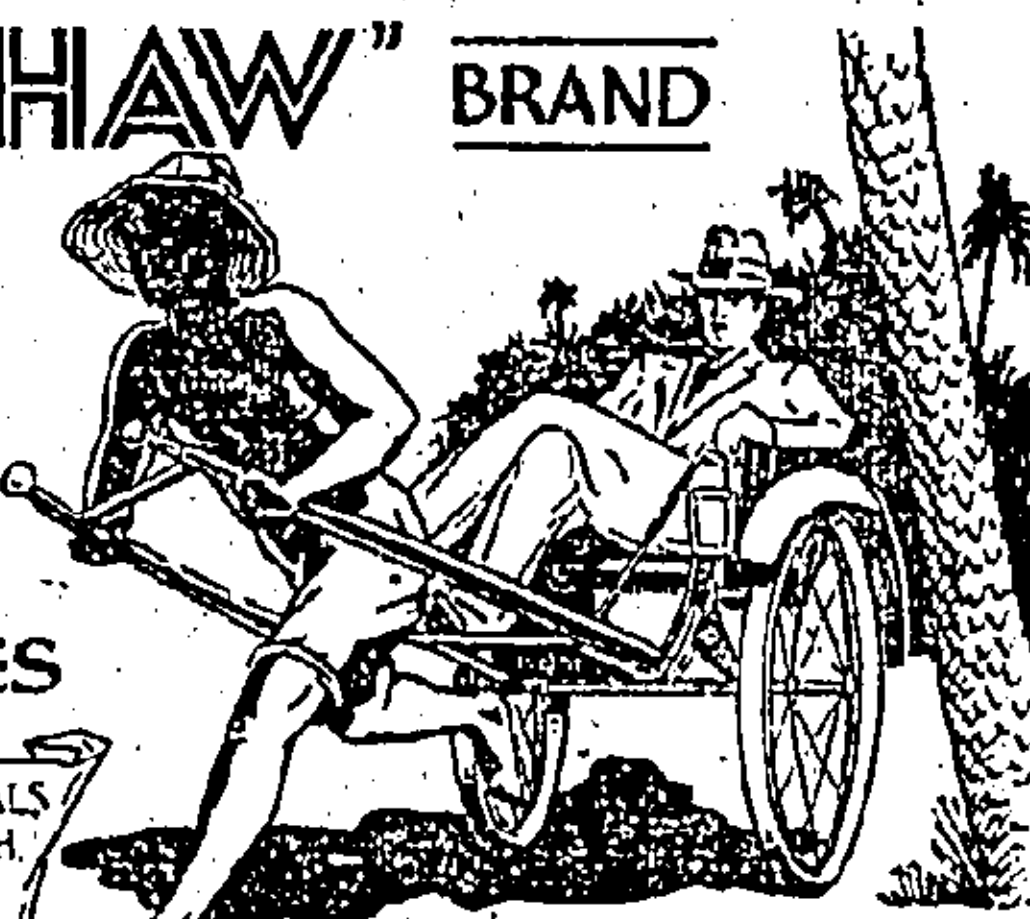
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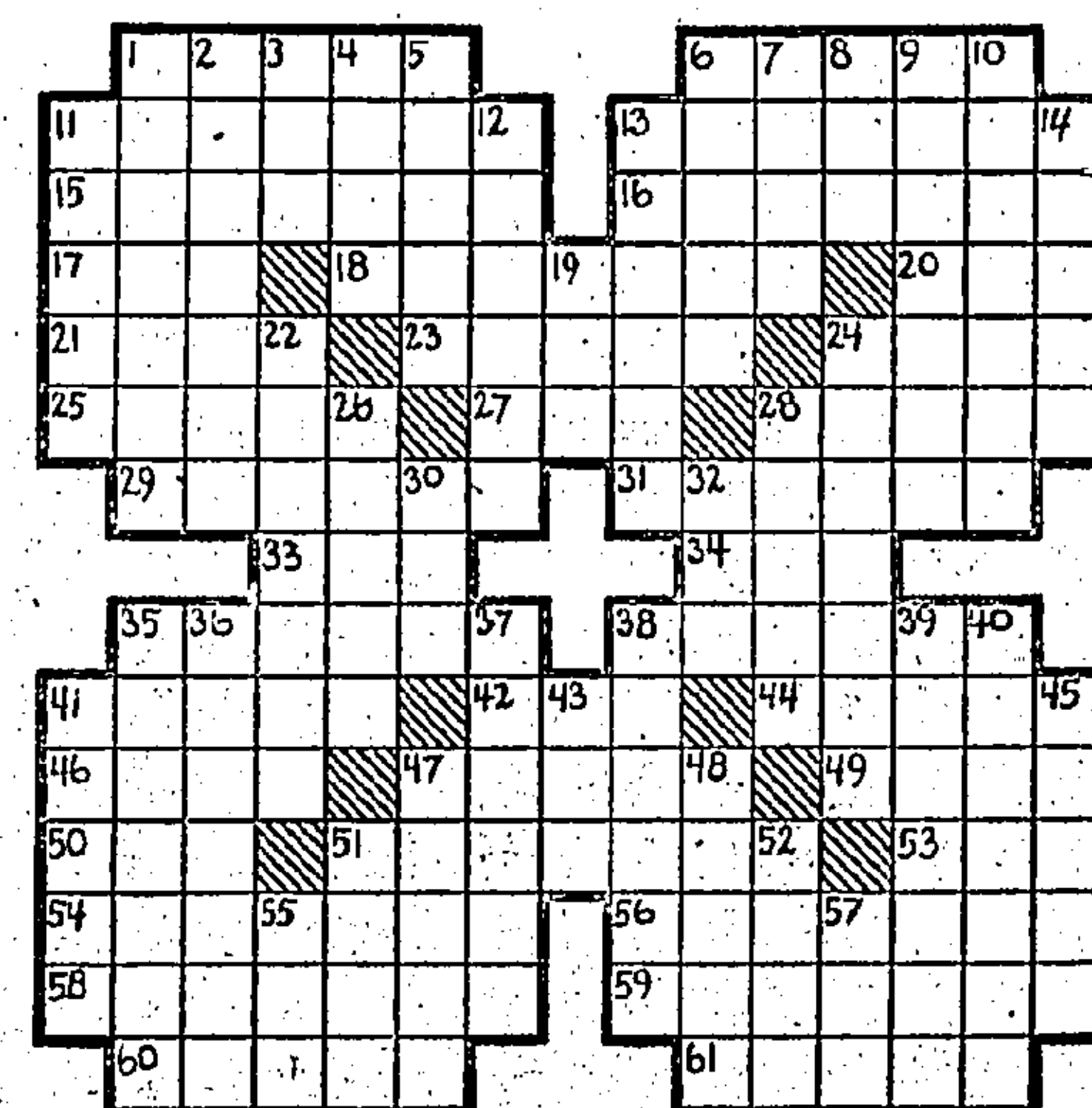
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spellings, such as harbor, plot, and alto.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—One of a series of
steps
- 6—Ancient city of
Lower Egypt
- 11—Scantier
- 13—Struck with a saber
- 15—A small baby
carriage
- 16—Rat
- 17—Girl's name
- 18—Slight
- 20—To take leave
(abbr.)
- 21—Ornate (Obs.)
- 23—Abounds
- 24—Stagger
- 25—Small
- 27—No (Scot.)
- 28—Natives of Poland
- 29—A tutor
- 31—Puts off
- 33—Hasten
- 34—Butt
- 35—Wears a happy
expression
- 36—Pacing horse (pl.)
- 41—Waste
- 42—Holy Roman
Empire (abbr.)
- 44—Muse of lyric poetry
(Class. Myth.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46—A Chinese dynasty
- 47—That which removes
the skin
- 49—Pierce
- 50—Entomology (abbr.)
- 51—Sphere
- 53—Three (Ital.)
- 54—Pressed upon
heavily
- 56—Hard glossy paint
(pl.)
- 58—Those who stone
- 59—To judge
- 60—Snuffa (Simplified
Spell.)
- 61—Worst (Var.)

VERTICAL

- 1—Blamished
- 2—Scap in S. E.
Italy
- 3—S. W. State of U. S.
(abbr.)
- 4—An image
- 5—To leave again
- 6—Rubs with talc
- 7—A seat
- 8—Nevada (abbr.)
- 9—Wrathfully
- 10—Sofas
- 11—A large teddy

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—One who governs
for another
- 13—Appeared
- 14—Vain star
- 15—Grassy meadow
- 22—A picture
- 24—Wanderers
- 26—Produce
- 28—Set
- 30—Born
- 32—Epoch
- 35—Musical instrument
(pl.)
- 36—Suggest
- 37—Shells
- 38—Policeman
(Eng. slang)
- 39—Terrific
- 40—Little star
- 41—A merger of
Europe (pl.)
- 43—Royal Red Cross
(abbr.)
- 45—Fat
- 47—Wharf
- 48—Psalms
- 51—Head mail coat
- 52—Out of danger
- 53—South African
antelope
- 57—Meridian (abbr.)

(The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle, will
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Wrote New Testament For His Children

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From one of Miss [Georgina] Hogarth's letters a single passage may be taken, since it adds something of first-hand knowledge to the accessible facts about one piece of Dickens's writing which—in so far as the editor of these pages is aware—has never seen the light of print....

"I must now tell you about the beautiful little New Testament which he wrote for his children. I am sorry to say it is never to be published. It happens that he expressed that decided determination only last autumn to me, so we have no alternative. He wrote it years ago when his elder children were quite little. It is about sixteen short chapters, chiefly adapted from St. Luke's Gospel, most beautiful, most touching, most simple, as such a narrative should be. He never would have it printed and I used to read it to the little boys in MS. before they were old enough to read writing themselves.

"When Charley's children became old enough to have this kind of teaching, I promised Bessy (his wife) that I would make her a copy of this history, and I determined to do it as a Christmas gift for her last year, but before I began my copy I asked Charley if he did not think it would be well for him to have it printed, at all events for private circulation, if he would not publish it (though I think it is a pity he would never do that!) He said he would look over the MS. and take a week or two to consider. At the end of the time he gave it back to me and said he had decided never to publish it—or even have it privately printed. He said I might make a copy for Bessy, or for any one of his children, but for no one else, and that he also begged that we would never lend the MS., or a

copy of it, to any one to take out of the house; so there is no doubt about his strong feeling on the subject, and we must obey it....

Never Published.

As it was never published, of course it did not count as one of Mr. Forster's MSS., and therefore it was one of his private papers, which were left to me. So I gave it at once to Mamie, who was, I thought, the most natural and proper possessor of it, as being his eldest daughter. You must come to England and read it, dear friend! as we must not send it to you! We should be glad to see you and to show it to you and Mr. Fields in our own house."

Miss Hogarth must have known full well that, if this manuscript Gospel according to Charles Dickens was to be shown to anybody outside his immediate circle, he himself would have chosen the Charles Street friends from what he called to them—his "native Boston."—From "Memories of a Hostess, a Chronicle of Eminent Friendships drawn chiefly from the diaries of Mrs. James T. Fields," by M. A. De Wolfe Howe!

WILD ROSES.

Against the dim hot summer blue
You wave of white wild-roses lies,
Watching with listless golden
eyes
The green leaves shutting out their
view,
The tiny leaves whose motions
bright
Are like small wings of emerald
light:
White butterflies like snow-flakes
fall
And brown bees drone their honey-
call.
—William Sharp, "Poems."

DOUCHE FOR SUNBURN ADDICTS

The Curative Value of Light, by Edgar Mayer, is a small but authoritative book comes at a timely moment and ought to exercise a wholesome influence in the controlling and the subjecting to reason and knowledge of the craze for sun-bathing, sun-tanning, sun-lamp treatments, nudism and the allied fads that are sweeping the country. Dr. Mayer, who is director of two Adirondack sanatoria and connected as consultant in his specialty of light therapy with several important hospitals, began studying this subject and experimenting with sun and light treatments twenty years ago and has continued the work ever since. He

is the author of a comprehensive and technically scientific book on "Clinical Application of Sunlight" and of an account of "The Present Status of Light Therapy." When a man so well qualified to give advice on the curative value of light writes a book about it for popular reading it is surely time for the people who have been bronzing themselves at the seashore and are now examining the sun-lamps for sale everywhere, with thoughts of purchase, to stop, look and read. Dr. Mayer puts his scientific facts into a simple, concise and readable style that, nevertheless, does not lessen their authoritative character. He sets forth the values and the dangers of the sun bath, explains the action of sunlight on the body and discusses the effects to be gained by the sun-lamp. He inquires into the value of light treatment in certain diseases, has a chapter on vitamins and another on irradiated substances. In a section on the sun-lamp versus sunlight he deals in detail with the construction of the various kinds, their values and dangers, dosage and manner of application. Throughout the book he stresses the advice that the reader must understand what he is doing and must not forget the possible dangers of light unskillfully applied.

Canadian Author Finds Baldest Of Plagiarism

Archie P. McKishnie, well known Canadian author, to whose facile pen are accredited numerous books and scores of short stories, relates an amusing story of plagiarism in its baldest form which he accidentally unearthed when on his way to Boston to confer with his publishers regarding one of his books.

During a couple of hours stop-over in a certain enterprising American town, he took a walk down the main street. To his surprise he came across a book store whose window featured a wonderful display of his latest books. Naturally pleased, he paused to survey the gratifying exhibit. But when his eye fell on the conspicuously displayed card, announcing the fact that the author was at the moment in the store, and would autograph all copies of his novel purchased that day he began to wonder if he were seeing things.

"I didn't know a soul in that burg," Mr. McKishnie said, "and nobody knew me. I went inside. I bought a copy of the book. I wanted to see what I looked like—if my handwriting had improved and other things. Business seemed good. I was obliged to get in the line-up. In due time I stood before my substitute. My first impression was that I looked more (Continued at foot of next column.)

FAULKNER'S NEW BOOK PLEASES.

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With this new novel, Mr. Faulkner has taken a tremendous stride forward. To say that "Light in August" is an astonishing performance is not to use the word lightly. That somewhat crude and altogether brutal power which thrust itself through his previous work is in this book disciplined to a greater effectiveness than one would have believed possible in so short a time. There are still moments when Mr. Faulkner seems to write of what is horrible purely from a desire to shock his readers or else because it holds for him a fascination from which he cannot altogether escape. There are still moments when his furious contempt for the human species seems a little callow.

But no reader who has followed his work can fail to be enormously impressed by the transformation which has been worked upon it. Not only does Faulkner emerge from this book a stylist of striking strength and beauty; he permits some of his people, if not his chief protagonist, to act sometimes out of motives which are human in their decency; indeed, he permits the Rev. Gail Hightower to live his life by them. In a word, Faulkner has admitted justice and compassion to his scheme of things. There was a hint of this to come in the treatment of Benbow in "Sanctuary." The gifts which he had to begin with are strengthened—the gifts for vivid narrative and the fresh-minted phrase. His eye for the ignoble in human nature is more keen than ever, but his vision is also less restricted. He has learned justice and compassion.

A POEM.

By Hugh Kingsmill.

A fine hill, that, sir! Roomy spot
To fodder sheep, you say?
That's how it strikes you? Well,
why not?
You see it just to-day.
But I... Your pardon whilst I blow.
Spring brings the old catarrh.
My snuffling discommodates you?
No?
Thank you—how kind you are!
That hill, sir, has a boldish bluff.
You'd hardly think the crest
Affords a level couch enough
For panting folk to rest.
Our Sunday couch one spring.
Church bells
Pealed useless from the plain.
And steeples, jumped from hidden
dells,
Solicited in vain.
They buried her that winter.
Springs hurt since. There's no
excuse,
Pestering strangers with such
things. May I? Catarrh's the
deuce!

THRUSH.

The deep green twilight of the wood
is shattered
By the slow footsteps of the summer
rain;
The star-flower's small white pointed
bloom is scattered.
Upon the dripping moss, and wind
has lain
Along the drenched sweet fern. Beneath
wet trees
A thrush shakes out clear tumult
from a throat
Soft with rain, until the bright
cries seize
My heart and break it with one
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By Order of the Board of Directors, NOEL BRAGA, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th December, 1932.

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Upon presentation at the Office of the Company of Bankers' Receipt for the payment of such Call, together with the Certificate of Shares, a note of the payment will be endorsed on the Certificate. Dated this 17th day of August, 1932.

By Order of the Board, ALLAN KETHLEY, Secretary.

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MAIL REVIEW

"EVERYTHING'S ROSIE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Robert Woolsey has his first solo starring comedy role in "Radio Pictures" "Everything's Rosie," now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

The contagious lure of the sham auction ring, with its petty trickeries and price juggling, is the comedy theme of the film.

The direction is by Clyde Bruckman, who directed Harold Lloyd in his last three pictures. Anita Louise, John Darrow, Florence Roberts and Alfred P. James are in the cast.

MAIL REVIEW

"BUSINESS AND PLEASURE"—KING'S THEATRE.

Will Rogers, the inimitable droll comedian, is on the screen of the King's Theatre, where he is playing the leading role in "Business and Pleasure" with Jetta Goudal.

Rogers is very amusing as the American razor manufacturer who is captured by a band of Arabs. His antics and frolics give rise to peals of laughter, and the situations are hilarious.

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MAIL REVIEW

"THE BIG GAMBLE"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

Bill Boyd and his wife, Dorothy Sebastian act together for the first time in "The Big Gamble" now showing at the Central Theatre.

The story is about a young man who sells his life for an insurance policy, which will square his debts after his death, and leave a big profit to the man into whose power he has fallen—then he falls in love with his wife and wants to live.

Boyd gives a splendid performance, as does Dorothy Sebastian. Fred Niblo directs June McCloy, William Collier Junr., James Gleason, Zazu Pitts and Warner Oland.

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Rex Beach's epic of the North "The Silver Horde" is now showing as the current attraction at the Star Theatre. Joel McCrea, Evelyn Brent, Louis Wolheim and Jean Arthur have important roles to fill in this thrilling production.

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REX'S MISFORTUNE.

It is reported that the Duke of the Abruzzi has resigned his post as president of the Italia Steamship Company. The Marquis Renzo Durand de la Penne and Prof. Dominica Brunelli, joint heads of the board of directors, are also expected to resign at any moment. It is understood that these resignations were not to be presented for three months, but that internal disputes owing to the mishap to the 51,000-ton liner Rex, which took ten and a half days to cross the Atlantic instead of making a record voyage, hastened action.—B. U. P.

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1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the Management (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.8 p.m.—European programme.

6.50 p.m.—A Selection of Fox Trols.

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"Sketch Book")—The Woodpecker—In

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Little Grey Home in the West

Brunswick Salon Orch. 6005.

Vocal Trio—

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The Three Keys 6388.

Vocal Duet—

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Orchestral—

Bohemian Romance

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Song—

I Oried for You.

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Orchestral—

My Little Persian Rose

Anglo-Persians 6005.

Vocal Trio—

Jig Time.

The Three Keys 6388.

Vocal Duet—

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The galleryites did not agree, and fiercely shouted, "Rubbish." They seemed to be more annoyed than they have been for years.

Yet quite recently they have received politely, and even with enthusiasm, plays that have been the veriest twaddle, fizzling out after an inglorious run of a few nights.

Your Daily Smile.

Anxious Sportsman (who thinks he has hacked a winner)—"Did you send off that wire in time?" Village Postmistress—"Yes, sir, but the money was a penny short, so I left out the name of the horse."

Four tourists drew up at a farm in Scotland one Sunday and asked for tumbler of milk. After drinking the milk the tourists asked what was to pay. "Dear, dear!" said the farmer's wife "we dinna sell milk on the Sabbath. Ye can jist gie the bairn a shillin' as ye gang out."

They were standing before a large painting entitled "Echo" in an art gallery. "I suppose," said one man, "it is appropriate to depict Echo as a woman, because she always has the last word." "On the other hand," returned the second man, "An echo speaks only when spoken to."

"What are you getting now?" "Fifteen shillings a week, sir." "Well, how much do you think you are worth?" "A pound, sir." "You think so, do you?" "Yes, sir. I've been thinking so for two weeks, but I've been so busy I haven't had time to speak to you about it." The office boy got his rise.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Golf balls are cleaned and relacquered by a new coin in a slot machine.

Hungary has 863 food products factories, employing about 35,000 persons.

Operated by a spring, a new device holds a hat against a wall with a wire loop.

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News In Brief.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, Rotarian W. A. Cornell will speak on "Some Reminiscences of Happy Days and Nights at the Theatre Royal Hong Kong."

Information from a reliable source states that the Kowloon and Canton Railway Co. is arranging to have an additional express service between Kowloon and Canton during the Christmas holidays.

Police Constable Atma Singh, aged 26, of the Hong Kong Police Force, died in the Government Civil Hospital yesterday after a brief illness. Deceased was a native of Lahore Village, India, and was stationed at the Sham Shui Po Police Station.

While driving a test car in Nathan Road last evening, Mr. W. G. Gordon Robertson, 186, The Peak, knocked down a riksha coolie, who ran across the main road near the junction of Argyle Street. The coolie, Choi Lam, 46, sustained serious injuries to his head and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Arrested by the Police for begging, an elderly blind Chinese man was found to be a life banisher. On his appearance before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, the defendant was sentenced to one year's hard labour. The man, who had his sight in 1921, was a large and well-organized economic unit into a jealous confusion of small States.

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She took her name (this for the benefit of the very young) from the initials of the Defence of the Realm Act, which was introduced in the early days of the war to enable the Government to cope with swift-moving emergencies. Many people believe that this remarkable measure still survives and is the origin of the restrictions on our liberty which we resent. This is not so.

The real "Dora" has returned whence she came—a pigeon-hole in Whitehall. But she has left us behind her name, a useful legacy which we have done rightly in accepting, because it is needed to describe something else which also she has left behind her.

When the first Defence of the Realm Bill, which, of course, had been prepared long in advance against such a contingency, was brought out and hurriedly passed through Parliament, there can have been very few persons who realised precisely what it meant. Probably not the Government, certainly neither the public nor the House of Commons. Perhaps there were a handful of officials who understood the full beauty of such a measure—and kept what they saw to themselves. What it meant was, broadly speaking, that the executive could legislate as it chose by Order in Council, subject only to the subsequent disapproval of Parliament—a check which proved in practice to be quite negligible.

Too Large to be Seen

Now the method of legislation by Order in Council, which means in actual working by departmental order, was not new. There are some half-dozen pre-war instances, at intervals from the 'eighties onwards, but none of these were of general interest inasmuch as they did not affect the activities of large sections of the community. And in the whirl of events during the early months of the War the passage of the Defence of the Realm Acts, extraordinary as it may seem, really escaped notice: one might almost say that it was too large to be seen.

The ordinary citizen supposed that they would enable the Government to take necessary large-scale measures for such things as coast defence and the provision of materials. He did not imagine that their ramifications would eventually forbid him to buy a drink for a friend in a public-house or prescribe (this, it is true, was never put into operation) the height of his wife's boots.

But in 1915 a Civil Servant said to me, his eyes shining with a strange light, as might the eyes of one who has unexpectedly come upon the Promised Land just round the corner. "My boy, we can do anything under it, anything! If we make an Order decreeing that all babies must be born blue it will be illegal for any baby to be born any other colour." He was quite right, and the significance of the Defence of the Realm Act to us now is that these simple, cursory methods of legislation gave immense opportunities to those people who like legislating in restraint of the liberties of others.

Dora (for we will now return to the modern spelling), like many of the social phenomena which we are accustomed to regard as having originated in the war, was born earlier than that. But for her, as for so many other growths, the Four Years were a forcing-house. The citizen might grumble at encroachments on his liberty, but in the circumstances he was not minded to wrangle. Besides, he was solemnly assured, "It is not for long. Put up with this! Put up with that! Make these sacrifices now, for a little while, and as soon as the war is over all shall be made as it was before." I believe that a great part of public bitterness against Dora springs from the memory of these broken promises. When the time came to review the elaborate and stringent code of licensing regulations evolved by the Central Control Board, the possibility

of redeeming them was not contemplated. The teetotallers argued that the system of restriction had worked and urged that so much ground ought not to be lost.

No Mandate.

Therefore, a measure was introduced into the Coalition Parliament, which was quite frankly based on the war-time system. That Parliament had no mandate for reform on these lines, the question had not been an issue at the election, and, in so far as the electors thought about it at all, when they went to the polls in 1918 they believed that the promises which had been made to them were going to be kept.

The teetotallers assumed, however, and as it proved quite rightly, that our ancient national habit of resistance to interference with our liberties had been profoundly weakened by four years of submission to war-time regulations. To take advantage of that weakening, seeing what were its causes, was as dirty a trick as has ever been played on any nation—but it was played, and has so far been successful.

This, then, is what we mean by Dora—the habit of interfering with our personal liberties which existed before the war but received so great an impetus from it. It is the rage for forbidding which we have watched producing a tangle of prohibitions as absurd as they are vexatious.

Many of these prohibitions have, no doubt, been suggested by the best motives. No decent citizen wants to overwork shop-assistants or disapproves of the principle which the Shop Hours Acts seek to put into operation. But the decent citizen wonders whether shop-assistants cannot be protected without forbidding him to buy apples or bananas after 8 p.m. from a shop-keeper who wants to sell them to him and who is legally entitled to sell him apricots, figs, and loganberries in any quantities.

The Enemy.

It could be done, of course. But the method of prohibitions is so easy and so commends itself to the interfering temper which has so greatly increased in power among us. That is what we mean by Dora; that is the enemy which has to be fought. In particular we must scrutinise with unfriendly care all proposals for legislation by administrative order that dangerous instrument which makes it so terribly easy for a determined minority to impose its will on a majority which hardly knows what is happening until it is too late.

Here Lord Hewart has given a useful lead, and the citizen cannot do better than make himself acquainted with what the Lord Chief Justice has said on the subject. And beyond that the citizen must make it plain to politicians of all parties that these restrictions were imposed without his consent and are maintained against his will. It is, in the last resort, for him to show the restrictive minority that it has overplayed its hand.

FORTUNE TELLER'S
HOME ROBBED.Armed Band Surprises
Sleeping Family.

A Chinese fortune teller was the victim of an armed robbery perpetrated by four men, one carrying a knife, at a hut in Wu Yi Village, Tai Po district, in the early hours of this morning. The robbers tied the door of the house with wire, and after ransacking the premises, decamped with \$130 in money and a small quantity of jewellery, and fled in the direction of Tsun Wan. Man Wing Shan, 52, fortune teller, reported to the Police that he was asleep in the front room with his wife, a concubine, a son and two other children, when the robbers entered. The first man wore a handkerchief over his face and threatened the inmates with a knife. The inmates were all huddled into one of the rooms while the robbers ransacked the house for nearly an hour.

The jewellery stolen comprised a gold watch and chain, and two appendages.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 19, 1932.

Hungarian Policy.

Last month Count Julius Karolyi, the Hungarian Prime Minister, resigned office. The Unity Party, on whose support his Ministry depended, had made demands for agricultural relief and for some relaxation of the present drastic regulation of foreign exchange which he was not prepared to accept. His opponents not only disliked some of the financial remedies or palliatives which he and his Finance Minister, Count Koranyi, had been compelled to administer, but were also eager to reinstate Count Bethlen at the head of the Government. But Count Bethlen, who must bear some of the responsibility for the present financial misfortunes of Hungary, preferred to await a less adverse moment for resuming office, and recommended the Regent to invite the Minister of Defence, General Gombos, to form an Administration. The General consented. He has formed a Cabinet and has announced a political programme which has surprised some of his domestic and foreign critics. His reputation had been that of a thoroughgoing Conservative; he nevertheless proposes to introduce measures which are welcomed by the Liberal Opposition. He has already promised to rescind the decree—inspired by the erroneous belief that Communists had a hand in the destruction of the Vienna-Ostend express last autumn—which extended the summary jurisdiction of the Government over a large range of offences and made these all punishable with death. Another unexpected reform to which the General is committed is the restoration of the secret ballot in the rural constituencies of Hungary. The electoral law introduced by Count Bethlen after the Bolshevik tyranny and the period of lynch-law which followed it was frankly designed to secure the stability of the existing regime. It abolished the secret ballot outside the towns and gave practically all power to the country gentry. But this measure, while temporarily useful, provoked severe criticism in Hungary, and abroad, the veteran statesman Count Albert Apponyi and other responsible Magyar leaders have urged that Hungary's international reputation must suffer if another election should be held under the exist-

ing system, and General Gombos clearly feels that political stabilization has now gone far enough to justify a gradual return to normal conditions. In foreign policy General Gombos will follow the lines marked out by Count Bethlen. He does not like the Treaty of Trianon—no Magyar does—but he has disclaimed any intention of aiming at its revision by other than peaceful means and he has expressed the desire to create an atmosphere in which the economic intercourse between the countries of the Danubian basin will resume its normal aspect. He is ready to work for an economic understanding between Hungary and her neighbours provided that they punctiliously observe the rights of the Hungarian minorities within their borders. On the question of disarmament, to which he referred in his first speech as Prime Minister before the Lower House, he expressed the hope that his country will not be condemned to a permanent military inferiority, but added that if other nations did not reduce their armaments Hungary would demand the right to safeguard her own security. These declarations need not alarm the Succession States, Hungary's partners in economic and financial misfortune; they may even assist the growth of the movement for the restoration of the economic unity of what was the Austro-Hungarian Empire: a more economic and less militarist outlook can only contribute to the removal of the trade barriers which are among the most serious obstacles both to economic recovery and international understanding in the region of the Danube; and it is to be noted that the new Hungarian Prime Minister's speeches have dealt with the financial and commercial problems of the present rather than with past injustices.

On the subject of the foreign indebtedness of Hungary, General Gombos indicated that his Government would seek agreement with her creditors, and though his view that rates of interest will have to be reduced may be unpalatable to them, there is no prospect that the Magyars can continue to pay the full interest on their foreign debt. Their partial failure will nevertheless provide a corrective to their own optimism and to the lack of foresight of some of those who lent them money. But the main cause of the financial difficulties in which Hungary and indeed every Danubian State is involved has been the failure of the soldiers, politicians, philologists, and nationalists who made Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, the defendant was sentenced to one year's hard labour. The man, who had his sight in 1921, was a large and well-organized economic unit into a jealous confusion of small States.

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POACHERS TAKE TRADE

Chicago. The once powerful Capone gang is evaporating like the foam on the beer it sells.

Only a handful of the hundreds of major and minor gangsters who once flouted the law and spread death with machine gun and bomb at the bidding of "Scarface Al" have maintained a fairly close-knit organization. Although the gang chieftain is in Atlanta Penitentiary serving a 10-year sentence for income tax fraud, he still keeps in touch with his lieutenants here, it was learned.

They hope to reorganise the syndicate, with or without Capone's aid, and to place it in a position to reap another rich illicit harvest from beer, liquor, gambling and vice when general business improves.

But the pack is broken. Lone wolves are stealing away much of the syndicate's territory. The syndicate has been compelled to reduce the price of its beer. All the big Capone gambling houses are closed. The small ones still running make but a fraction of what they once did. One gambling place that used to net thousands of dollars a week showed a loss of \$67 for one week. Many factors account for the disintegration of what was probably the most powerful, richest and most ruthless criminal combine in United States history. The depression, of course, is one. Another

was the drive on gangsters by the Federal government that resulted in a dozen or more of the leaders being sent to prison for income tax evasion.

Won Promotion.

United States district attorney George E. Q. Johnson, who led the campaign, won promotion to the bench as a result.

Then Federal prohibition agents working under administrator Michael L. Harney closed many big syndicate breweries.

The forced abdication of Capone from the throne of gangdom was a heavy blow. The men who have sought to manage the syndicate since he went to prison have lacked his peculiar ability to make the "rackets" pay and to keep out interlopers.

Moran's Plans.

A number of shifts in the gang scene in recent weeks have led observers to predict that a general realignment is due. Two new syndicate supervisors took up their duties on the South Side and another displaced Ted Newberry on the North Side of Chicago.

Police have heard that George (Bugs) Moran, whose gang was nearly wiped out in the St. Valentine's Day massacre in 1929, is recruiting again. Officers also attached some importance to the arrest of John Capone, a brother of Al, with \$4,300 in his pocket. They said he was preparing to go to Atlanta to turn over the money to Al, in his cell.

AIR SERVICES DISRUPTED BY GALE AND FOG

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By Sudden Storm.

MISHAP NEAR CROYDON.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Saturday.

Vagaries of the weather are disorganising the air services, out of England, on the continent and elsewhere.

The "Hannibal," forty-two passenger Imperial Airways liner, was temporarily put out of commission owing to a gale which sprang up after she was pegged down for the night at Semakh Aerodrome, Palestine. Her wing and tail were damaged and the machine was dismantled and carried by lorry to Cairo, where she is now undergoing repairs.

London to Paris air services were interrupted by fog and two planes which left Croydon were compelled to return.

A French air liner, carrying eight passengers, began to lose altitude just after taking off from Croydon, and landed in a neighbouring field.

The airport at Le Bourget is fogbound and inaccessible. Passengers have to land at Beauvais, 50 miles north of Paris, and thence proceed by train to their destination.

MORE CLOTHES FOR COLONY'S POOR.

Big Order Placed
With Canton.

The Chinese poor in Hong Kong have already benefited to the extent of several thousand suits of winter clothing from the Chung Shing Benevolent Society, but many are still in want.

The Society has placed another large order with manufacturers in Canton, and together with a contribution of 500 suits from the Wing Lien Co., these will be distributed to the Colony's poor next month.

Through the courtesy of the Tung On Steamship Co., the Canton order will be shipped free of charge.

PRETTY WEDDING AT UNION CHURCH.

Mr. H. G. Williams Weds
Miss Zoe Leck.

A wedding of much local interest was solemnised in the Hong Kong Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Zoe Leck, of the staff of Texas Co. (China), Ltd. living at 1, Saifce Terrace, became the bride of Mr. H. G. Williams, of the Wines and Spirits Department, Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Lieutenant of the Motor Cycle Section, Armoured Car Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Rev. E. G. Powell officiated at the ceremony. The bride, who presented a charming picture, was given away by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, while Mr. J. C. Dunbar, of the Hong Kong Electric Co. discharged the duties of best-man.

Subsequently, a reception was held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant. A large number of friends attended including the Motor Cycle Section, who wore uniforms.

After the customary toasts had been honoured with enthusiasm, the happy couple drove by car to Repulse Bay Hotel where they are spending their honeymoon. They were escorted the whole way out by the Motor Cycle Section, under Company Sergeant Major B. S. Rogers.

The car was gaily decorated with coloured streamers while confetti was showered upon it. Alighted to the front of the car was a placard with the words "Honeymoon. Express."

The bridegroom himself is a keen motorist and was a participant in the recent Reliability Trial in Kowloon.

CONSTABLE FOUND IN OPIUM DEN.

Fined \$75 Or Six
Weeks' Gaol.

Acquitted of a charge of possession of twelve tins of prepared opium at 247, Queen's Road, Central, a constable, Lau King, was fined \$75 or six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court on Saturday on a charge of misconducting himself as a police constable by being found in an opium den.

The defendant was arrested by a party of police who visited 247, Queen's Road, Central.

KUOMINTANG CHIEFS DENY BATTLE PLAN

Soong Not Sponsor
Of "Resilience."

PROPOSAL FOR DEBATE.

Nanking, Saturday.

Reuter learns from authoritative sources that the reports that Mr. T. V. Soong and other Government leaders are sponsoring the proposal for concentration of China's armies to resist further aggression in Manchuria, are false.

It was reported that Mr. Soong, among others, had pledged himself to this plan before the Conference of the Kuomintang Central Executive Council, now sitting here. It was said that the Finance Minister had been one of those championing the suggestion that China's troops should be hurried to Manchuria, that full assistance should be given to the Chinese Volunteers already active there and that the direction of the boycott against Japan should be undertaken by the Government and the Kuomintang Party.

It was reported, at the same time, that the same group of powerful leaders had deprecated the League of Nations' effectiveness in the Manchurian controversy.

Reuter learns authoritatively that these reports were erroneous. The proposals did not emanate and were not sponsored by the Government leader mentioned, but were merely passed in the ordinary way as one of numerous proposals admissible for debate during the present Conference of the C.E.C.

These proposals do appear on the agenda of this present conference, however, and must consequently be supported by a group of delegates.

The newly appointed Foreign Affairs Commission of the Kuomintang held its first meeting last night, convened by Mr. Soong.

3 - YEAR PLAN ANNOUNCED IN CANTON

Practical Development
Undertaken.

TAXATION MAY INCREASE.

Canton, Saturday. A practical Utopia will emerge out of the Kuomintang 3-year plan for the Provincial Government, to be put into effect by General Chen Chi-teng, commander-in-chief of the First Group Army.

Briefly the plan will call for efficient government administration, reconstruction, economic rehabilitation and encouragement of industry. The plan will start next year.

As a start, incompetent and corrupt officials will be removed within the first six months of 1933. On the other hand, competent and honest public servants will be given due recognition and encouragement in their work. The appointment of officials will be made eventually by civil service examination.

Improvement of public finance is to be effected by adjustment of the present system of taxation, with a view to increasing revenues.

While oppressive taxes are to be abolished, new levies not contrary to people's welfare will be introduced.

Pacification of the province should be concluded after the first six months. Henceforth maintenance of peace and order of the province will be undertaken by a body of protective guards.

Reconstruction work in the villages and towns is planned.

With respect to education, attention will be paid to discipline and the teaching of the three Principles of the People. Stress is laid on vocational education.

Administrative and military units must reduce their monthly expenses, and provincial as well as local governments shall disclose their receipts and expenditure for public auditing.

A census will be taken and a survey of land will be made for assessment purposes.

To promote agriculture, co-operative societies will be organised. Forestry, sericulture and fisheries will be encouraged. On its part, the government will foster mining and mark out more farm lands for irrigation and development.

To-Day's Short Story.

THE SCREAMING PLANT

By Hal
Pink.

"LOOK!"

Barker held out a tiny cardboard box for my inspection. Inside, on a nest of cotton-wool, was a large, shrivelled seed, similar in appearance to a dead and curled-up maggot.

"What is it?" I asked.

"That's what I am wondering," smiled Barker, "but the man from whom I got it said that it was a genuine mandrake seed!"

He made this pronouncement with such marked emphasis and enthusiasm that my interest was quickened, though I was still no wiser. Barker, my lifelong friend, is a botanist of repute, the discoverer of several new varieties of orchid, and his researches have led him through many lands, to the fringes of civilisation and beyond. He had recently returned from an expedition to the Matto Grosso forests of Brazil, and after a re-union dinner and two seats at a cinema to celebrate the occasion, we were smoking a final pipe of tobacco in his cosy study.

"And what on earth is a mandrake?" I handed back the box.

For answer, Barker leaned over the arm of his chair, jerked open the glass door of a bookcase, and selected a battered volume from the jumble of books on the shelves. Opening it, he read aloud the words "Nomen Herbar Mandragora..."

SERMON EXAMINES EVOLUTION.

Christian Science's
Doctrine.

"Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist yesterday.

The Golden Text was: "Behold, the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." (Deut. 10; 14.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else. . . . Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. . . . Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; . . . In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." (Isa. 45: 18, 22, 25.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christian Science presents, unfolded, not accretion; it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind, but an impartation of the divine Mind to man and the universe" (p. 68: 27-30).

CAROL SERVICE AT KOWLOON Y.M.C.A.

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Please Gathering.

The West Lounge at the Y.M.C.A. last night was well filled by members and friends, including ladies, when a carol service was held, the first of its kind in the history of the Association.

In addition to many of the popular carols in which all the company joined, the Y.M.C.A. Male Voice Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Rupert Baldwin, rendered "Virgin Most Blessed," "Come Ye Lovers," and "Slumber Song," whilst Mrs. M. T. Mathison, with a splendid voice, contributed "The Holy Child" and "An Old French Carol."

Songs were given by Mr. J. W. Baldwin, who sang "O Leave your Sheep," and Mr. J. J. Cornelius, who gave "Star of Bethlehem." A short passage of scripture was read by Mr. J. H. Hunt, and a closing prayer was offered by the Rev. W. Walton Rogers.

"This," said Barker, tapping, the book with his pipe-stem, "is a herbal book much prized 500 years ago when housewives brewed the families' medicines from plants and flowers gathered in the fields. It contains the legend of the mandrake. I will not weary you with the tedious and badly-phrased Latin version given here, but the illustration will give you the idea at once." He handed the book to me. It was dated 1433, and looked its age. The calfskin binding was worn into holes; the leaves were yellowed with the light of five centuries; and the crude type, irregular composition and faded brown ink combined to render the pages more picturesque than readable.

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "The Laird's Lucky Number," by J. J. Bell.

The illustration of the mandrake was a rough drawing showing a figure with the body, arms, and legs of a man, but with roots instead of hands and feet and a cluster of leaves where the head should have been. A small dog was depicted, attached by a cord to the mandrake's right leg.

"There you have it," said Barker. "An early artist's idea of the human plant of the legend. The mandrake was supposed to be a plant with human form and the voracity of a carnivorous animal, which reached out with its root-tentacles to seize unsuspecting herb-gatherers and crush them to death, gaining strength from their blood. As uprooting a mandrake was believed to be tantamount to committing suicide, dogs were employed for this purpose, as the drawing shows."

"What nonsense!" I laughed. "Do you actually believe that such a monstrosity existed?"

"Why not?" replied Barker. "Why shouldn't the missing link between man and the sub-world be a plant? Plants have always stood upright and never moved on their bellies like animals. And their do exist in the tropics to-day jungle plants with tentacles and suckers which catch small flies."

"Well, why not try to germinate your so-called mandrake seed?" I suggested, laughing. "And see what happens."

To my surprise, he took me seriously. "It would need colossal heat," he mused, "moist heat, swamp heat."

A sudden scratching noise at the door interrupted him. Barker's face lit up. "That's Tom."

Tom was his greatest pet, a magnificent Persian cat, which stayed under my chair many times when its master was off on a journey to the wilds. As Barker opened the door it stalked in, purring with delight.

"He's been hunting rats in the cellar, as usual," said Barker, stooping to make a fuss of his pet, "and now he wants his milk."

A month passed. I had been very busy, and had seen little of Barker since our night of celebration. Then he telephoned to me.

"Can you come round here?" His usually calm voice was quivering with excitement. "Something incredible to show you! That mandrake seed!"

"What? It has germinated?" I gasped.

"Yes—the application of terrific heat—it is sprouting in my cellar—come and see!"

I calmed the telephone receiver on its hook and ran for my hat. Barker greeted me at the door with shining eyes. He was elated as a schoolboy.

"Man, you ought to see it! As big as my arm, with shoots, tentacles, suckers and everything! Do you realise what this means? It is the greatest botanical discovery of all time! At one stroke thousands of years have been wiped off the calendar! Here is a plant which in history has only existed in legend, which vanished from this earth before primitive men became articulate—alive—growing—in my cellar!"

I caught his infection. As eager to see the phenomenon as he was to display it, I hurried after him to the cellar. It was the bottom cellar of

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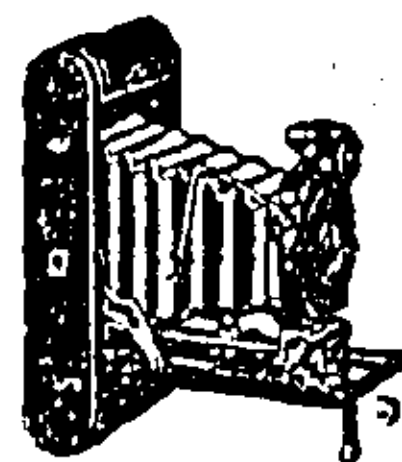
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EXCELLENT boxing was witnessed on Saturday night, at the Royal Naval Canteen, when the finals of the China Fleet Amateur Boxing Championships, were held before a capacity crowd.

A very large crowd of officers, drawn from all ships and others from Regular units were also present. The Commander-in-Chief's Royal Marine Band rendered selections before and during the interval of the programme. Commander Bayley of H.M.S. Sandwich and Lt. Commander H. W. V. Stephenson of H.M.S. Kent refereed.

Most of the fights produced excellent material, the men going into each other hammer and tongs, and in one particular bout, that between A.B. Dawson and A.B. Thompson, the hall resounded with the sounds of the terrific battle which these two men took part in, standing toe to toe and not giving an inch.

THE BEST BOUT.

The outstanding bout of the evening was undoubtedly the Welter-Weight final between S. P. O. Skeen of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla and A.B. Emmerson of the Suffolk which the former won on points.

These two men delighted the audience with their beautiful footwork. Their boxing was excellent, especially Emmerson who boxed beautifully. Skeen was very dangerous at times, leading with a vicious left which staggered Emmerson. The latter, however, returned blow for blow and made a praiseworthy recovery in the last round when he chased Skeen all round the ring. A draw would have been a better verdict.

There were two knockouts. The first occurred in the Light-Weight final when A.B. Baldwin of the Hermes fought toe to toe with A.B. Law (8th D/F) for a minute, and then floored his opponent after a series of devastating punches.

A.B. Howse of the Kent waded into A.B. Hill (8th D/F) in the first round of their bout, and in a whirlwind manner knocked his man down for two minor counts, and then sent him to the boards for the final count.

Owing to injuries and illness, two finalists were given walk overs.

GOOD RECOVERY.

In the Middle-weight finals, A.B. Pringle of the Medway, scored a technical knockout win against A.B. Fudge of the Wiltshire.

Both men started off strongly, Fudge being the more aggressive, landing with vicious right hooks which connected on two occasions with Pringle's jaw and staggered him.

Pringle, however, made a remarkable comeback and convincingly beat Fudge in the remaining two rounds.

The Novice Officers' Welter-Weight final produced some very hard hitting, both Lt. Martin, the winner and Sub-Lt. Brooke wading into each other with terrific blows. Lt. Martin scored rapidly with a beautiful straight left, followed up with a right hook to the jaw which more than once found its mark.

The Amateur Team Competition was won by the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla with 37 points, followed by H.M.S. Kent with 21 points, H.M.S. Suffolk 13 points, H.M.S. Hermes 13 points, H.M.S. Cornwall 11 points and H.M.S. Medway 8 points.

Before presenting the prizes, Capt. R. L. Burnett, O.B.E., in a short speech said that at first he was disappointed at the small number of entrants this year, but after the wonderful exhibition given by the men, the Navy could congratulate themselves on the splendid showing of pluck which prevailed throughout the programme. Capt. Burnett congratulated all the contestants, and thanked all officers and men who helped to make the tournament a success, and in particular, those men "behind the scenes."

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE RESULTS:

NOVICES COMPETITION

Feather-Weight

A. B. Jewitt (Medway) beat A. B. Downes (Hermes) on points.

Light-Weight

Mno. Halcy (Hermes) beat A. B. Dennis (Suffolk) on points.

Welter-Weight

A. B. Pullman (Medway) beat Ord. Barrett (Kent) on points.

Middle-Weight

A. B. Pringle (Medway) won on a technical knockout from A. B. Fudge (Wiltshire) in the third round of their bout.

Light Heavy-Weight

Mno. Marsh (Hermes) beat A. B. Dwyer (Suffolk) on points.

Heavy-Weight

Mno. Howells (Kent) beat Mno. Kiddle (Hermes) on points.

Officers' Welter-Weight

Lt. "E" Martin (Hermes) beat Sub-

Valley Hall Wins With
Mr. D. Black Up

Mr. G. U. da Roza Leads Jockeys

Valley Hall's win with Mr. D. Black up was the feature of the Macao Race Meeting yesterday. The promising novice jockey brought his pony in 2½ lengths ahead of Wonderful Stag, the favourite, to pay a dividend of \$298.50 for a win and \$40.20 for a place. The big sweep was decided on this race.

Mr. G. U. da Roza was the most successful jockey, recording two wins, a second and a third.

THE RESULTS.

1. The Ascot Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Brian, 152 lb., (Mr. Butler)

Mr. Hau Un's Allwell, 144 lb., (Mr. Loo)

Mr. Fung's Tien Feng Shan, 156 lb., (Mr. Fung)

Time: 31. 1.03 1/5, 1.36 3/5.

Distance: 2½ lengths, 2½ lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$10.20.

Places \$6.90, \$15.20.

Cash Sweep: 1st, No. 284, \$155.58; 2nd, No. 286, \$44.46; 3rd, No. 279, \$22.23. Unplaced \$12.34 each, Nos. 55, 3.

2. The Haydock Park Plate: Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Samson's Alexandra Hall, 158 lb., (Mr. Soares)

Mr. Hau Un's The Plover, 161 lb., (Mr. Loo)

Mr. Yam Man's Tommy Boy, 158 lb., (Mr. Noronha)

Time: 17 3/5, 48, 1.18, 1.49.

Distance: 5 lengths, many lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$11.20.

Places \$11.90.

Cash Sweep: 1st, No. 2, \$190.78; 2nd, No. 72, \$58.52; 3rd, No. 34, \$27.26.

3. The Perth Handicap: Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Seth's But After That, 160 lb., (Mr. G. Roza)

Mr. Fish's Tin Tac, 146 lb., (Mr. Fung)

Mrs. G. U. Roza's Joaquim, 140 lb., (Mr. Butler)

Time: 15 4/5, 1.11, 1.40 1/5.

Distance: 2½ lengths, 3 lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$8.00.

Places \$6.60, \$8.60.

Cash Sweep: 1st, No. 35, \$198.89; 2nd, No. 245, \$56.84; 3rd, No. 159, \$28.42. Unplaced No. 5, \$23.41.

4. The Alexandra Park Handicap: One Mile.

Mr. L. Reidy's Banjolina, 160 lb., (Mr. G. Roza)

Mr. P. V. B's Gallant Fox, 156 lb., (Mr. Noronha)

Mr. Peter Young's Buchanan, 143 lb., (Mr. Butler)

Time: 32 3/5, 1.05, 1.36 3/5, 2.07 3/5.

Distance: ¾ length, 5 lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$11.10.

Places \$5.80, \$5.90, \$8.10.

Cash Sweep: 1st, No. 84 \$542.30,

2nd, No. 332 \$154.95, 3rd, No. 344 \$77.47.

Unplaced Nos. 286, 323, 40, 34, each \$21.52.

5. The Gosforth Handicap: One Mile.

Mr. Valley's Valley Hall 140 lb., (Mr. Black)

Mr. Hau Un's Wonderful Stag, 157 lb., (Mr. G. Roza)

Mr. L. T. F's Gold Mine, 153 lb., (Mr. Caplan)

Time: 29, 59, 1.32, 2.04.

Distance: 2½ lengths, 2 lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$298.50.

Places \$40.20, \$7.90, \$9.70.

Cash Sweep: 1st, No. 138 \$231.18, 2nd, No. 242 \$66.06.

Unplaced Nos. 231, 21, 246, 201, 64, 132 each \$6.12.

1st Big Sweep: 1st, No. 10592 \$3,064.74, 2nd, No. 10275 \$875.64, 3rd, No. 8262 \$437.82.

Unplaced Nos. 5497, 5927, 8145, 7630, 783, 6748, 6148, 10606, 2616, 4086, 2617, 9447 each \$40.54.

6. (Unofficial) The Ladies Race: Once Round.

Mr. Roda's City of Shanghai, 154 lb., (Miss Fearon)

Mr. Lan's Toby, 135 lb., (Miss Bonnar)

Mr. Jacques's Whoopee, 145 lb., (Miss Scott Harston)

Time: 24 2/5, 55 2/5, 1.23 2/5, 2.05.

Distance: 3 lengths 3 lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$16.60.

Places \$5.10, \$5.10, \$5.10.

Cash Sweep: 1st, No. 285 \$252.36, 2nd, No. 104 \$72.10, 3rd, No. 132 \$36.05.

Unplaced Nos. 133, 122, 22, each \$13.25.

7. The Lingfield Handicap: One and a Quarter Miles.

Mr. Fung's Tien Feng Shan, 147 lb., (Mr. Noronha)

Mr. Fung Kwok Wa's Blue Plane 140 lb., (Mr. Fung)

Mr. Lo & Liang's Pure Music, 156 lb., (Mr. G. Roza)

Time: 32 3/5, 1.05 1/5, 1.38 3/5, 2.13 4/5, 2.45 4/5.

Distance: 2 lengths, 4 lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$62.30.

Places \$25.50, \$23.60.

Cash Sweeps: 1st, No. 262 \$298.69, 2nd, No. 292 \$85.34, 3rd, No. 232 \$42.67.

Unplaced Nos. 289, 166 each \$23.73.

PERRY LOSES.

South Africa Win
Test By 6-2.

BRITISH TENNIS UPSET.

Durban, Saturday.

South Africa defeated Great Britain by 6 matches to 2 in the first of the three Lawn Tennis Test matches, to be played by the touring party.

The surprise of the encounter was the defeat of Fred Perry, Britain's No. 1 ranking player, by J. V. Kirby, the young South African player who gave a good account of himself at Wimbledon last year. Perry was very much off form, and was outplayed to be beaten by 7-5, 6-3. — Reuter.

Lt. Brooke (Pandora) on points.

AMATEUR TEAM COMPETITION.

Fly-Weight

Sto. Rowlands (Cornwall) was awarded a walk over Boy Feldwick who was prevented from competing under doctor's orders.

Bantam-Weight

A. B. Brand (8th D/F) beat A. B. Seldon (Suffolk) on points.

Feather-Weight

Tel. Smith (Kent) was awarded a walk over A. B. Read (8th D/F) who broke his wrist on Friday night.

Light Heavy-Weight

A. B. Baldwin (Hermes) knocked out A. B. Law (8th D/F) in the first round of their bout.

Welter-Weight

S. P. O. Skeen (8th D/F) beat A. B. Emmerson (Suffolk) on points.

Middle-Weight

A. B. Dawson (8th D/F) beat A. B. Thompson (Cornwall) on points.

Light Heavy-Weight

A. B. Howse (Kent) knocked out A. B. Hill (8th D/F) in the first round of their bout.

Heavy-Weight

Mno. Lewis (Kent) won on a technical knockout from Mno. Tilden (Kent) in the first round of their bout, the referee stopping the fight.

MAMAK SHIELD

St. Andrew's Lose To
Medway.

NOSWORTHY'S BRILLIANCE.

The St. Andrew's Club sustained their second defeat in the Mamak Hockey Tournament yesterday afternoon when they were defeated by H.M.S. Medway by the odd goal in three on the Marina ground.

The game was played at a very fast pace, and a feature of the match was the brilliance of Nosworthy, who, on the right wing, was mainly responsible for both the sailors' points.

The Saints, while enjoying an equal share of the exchanges, failed miserably when in front of their opponents' goal and towards the closing stages of the game, they cracked up badly.

In the first half, Lewis netted for the Medway, E. F. Fincher replying for the Saints shortly before the interval. In the second half, Nosworthy was responsible for many neat centres, and from one of these Holmes beat R. Wong with a shot that struck the top of the net.

GERMAN CLUB'S
SECOND WIN

The steady progress that is being made by the German Club bore more fruit yesterday afternoon, when on the Marina ground, they defeated the Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club by the odd goal in three, thus securing their second victory in the Mamak Tournament.

Muller netted both points for the Germans, while Sham scored for the Indians.



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Reflections On Big Caer
Clark Cup Match

(By Centre Half.)

BY virtue of their victory over the St. Andrew's Ladies' on Saturday in the first and perhaps the biggest Caer Clark Cup hockey match this season, the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, holders of the trophy for the past three years have paved the way to laying a claim on the Cup for a fourth year. Although Hong Kong won by the only goal scored by M. Alun Jones, it was by no means a lucky victory.

THE next time St. Andrew's meet Hong Kong Ladies, they will be without the valuable services of R. Rose, and it will be interesting to see who will fill her position. In all probability it will be J. Bryson, the younger sister of M.L.W. Bryson, who played at centre-half on Saturday.

OF interest to many will be the fact that for the first time in the short history of the Caer Clark Cup competition Saturday's match was played on the Marina and ground. Playing under such conditions Hong Kong's victory is even more creditable when one takes into consideration the fact that the first eleven have only played once on sand ground. St. Andrew's on the other hand are at home on sand, as they play all their home matches and practices on the Signals Marina ground.

THE absence of E. Bonnar, who scored 7 goals in the competition for Hong Kong last season at centre-forward, caused no little surprise in ladies' hockey circles. E. Bonnar has speed and a useful hit and once in the dec can be relied on to score. Her place was filled by P. M. Harrop, who on the whole, gave a fairly convincing display. E. O'Hagan was also another notable absentee, her position being taken by C. Ferguson, who played a hard game, keeping a useful check on M. Chan.

THE return of E. M. Gray at right half-back, after an absence of nearly two months, was welcome, and she, partnered by J. Smalley, proved herself a stalwart defender. D. Robertson, a regular player for the "A" eleven, who deputised for B. M. Pope, played a brilliant game, being well supported by C. Ferguson and J. Daniels throughout. D. Robertson's keen marking of M. Woolley frustrated all the Saints' skilful opportunities.

J. CHURCHILL, a newcomer of no mean ability, gave a fine display at inside left, and it is more than likely that she will have a permanent position, thus displacing A. G. Orme, who played last season and scored 3 goals in the competition.

G. WHITE, who led the Saints' attack, was inclined to be nervous, and it was not long after the commencement of the game, that M. Woolley returned to her usual position from inside right. G. White is really a full back, but her recent good showing against the Deep Sea Scouts team, prompted the selectors to field her in that position. M. D. White, the Saints' usual centre-half, acquitted herself well in the position of right half-back, and was responsible for some well directed passes to her forwards. L. Woolley, on the other hand, was given a tryout at left half back, but was not as prominent as when she plays at right-half.

M. WOOLLEY, while being an able leader and hard hitter, has one shot she has yet to cultivate, and that is the reverse stick shot. Time and again on Saturday she missed chances by not attempting the reverse shot. M. Church, who played at inside left throughout last season, made her initial appearance at right wing, but she was not convincing. She is not speedy and M. Chan, on the left wing, has also the same failing. This was one of the Hong Kong team's biggest advantages over the Saints team.

Over-excitement is apparently what shattered the Saints, and a defeat at the hands of the Champions in their first match may have a demoralising effect on the Southern Cup holders.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING.

Mr. Roger Grieve, the Rugby player, piloted "Mosses home" to win yesterday's Yachting race from a field of sixteen starters. Mr. H. S. Rouse, the Vice-Commodore, was second in U and I while Mr. N. Croucher in La Cigale was third. Five yachts failed to finish—Lunna, Candia, Chern, Imogen and Tavy II.

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SPORT PAGE



Navy's Great Game With S. China

Chinese Make Use Of Their Opportunities

ATHLETIC AGAIN DISAPPOINT

(By Outside Left.)

ON the Railway ground yesterday South China, by defeating the Navy by five goals to three, took third position in the First Division soccer league table, and by virtue of having two matches in hand, are now strongly challenging the Artillery who are the present leaders.

The ground was filled to capacity when the teams took the field; South China lining up their usual eleven with the exception of Cheng Sui-hong, whose place was taken by Yeung Shui-yick, while the Navy had Sizer at inside left for Davies. Otherwise their team was the same as that which surprised the Borderers last week.

South China won because they made full use of the opportunities given them. They were on the defensive for the majority of the game, but when the sterling work of their half backs met with success, their forwards moved towards the Navy goal with machine-like precision, finishing off splendid passing with well-placed shots.

This cannot be said of the Navy forwards. They were aided by a half-back line whose passes were apt to go astray, and when they did look dangerous, the Chinese defence had positioned itself so well that not a Navy man was unmarked.

SIZER OUTSTANDING. Sizer was the best of the Navy forwards, being at times too good for the Chinese, but he used no tact in his passing; his wing man was ignored several times when positioned well. Purkins, leading the Navy attack, tried hard, and was almost through at the start, but he collided with Lim Thin-chun and lost possession. Shirras had the ball at his feet too much to enable him to play his usual destructive game and his passes, like those of his supporting halves lacked direction. Robertson the Navy left back held the Chinese right wing for the major portion of the game.

Tam Kong-pak was again the most successful Chinese forward, and, operating at inside right, opened the scoring for his team when he sent in a splendid shot from Fung King-cheong's pass well out of Sizer's reach. The Navy should have equalised immediately after the restart, but Sizer chose to pass, instead of beating Lim from close in.

Ip Pak-wa, with his usual artistry, was a menace to Rivers throughout the match, particularly after he had moved inside with a view to dropping back under the Navy pressure. He netted the second Chinese goal after thirty minutes play.

Leung In-chan and Lau Mau were not as sure in their tackling as usual, but they covered up well. A slip by the former let in Hudsphith to force a corner. Hudsphith sent in a well-placed flag kick for the Navy to force another, and from the second, which was again well placed into the goalmouth, Sizer got his head to the ball and netted it past Lim into the net. The Navy half backs dominated the play after this success and kept their forwards in the Chinese goalmouth, but except for an attempt by Purkins with his head, Lim was rarely troubled before the interval.

WONG CHANGES POSITION. Wong Mee-shun dropped back into the Chinese defence on the resumption, changing places with Leung Wing-chiu. The Navy were decidedly the better team for a while and had Chinese defenders on the alert. Success came their way when the Navy outside right sent in, and Sizer, fanned on to shoot. The ball was well covered by Lim but was bouncing awkwardly and Sizer had the satisfaction of seeing it evade him and enter the net, thus putting the Navy on level terms.

After this reverse the Chinese went on to win the game, but not as easy as the score would indicate. They had a fair amount of luck in finding the Navy defence too far up the field, and, after Fung had put Tam in possession to net easily, a misunderstanding between Robertson and Illot let in Tam to score South China's fourth goal. The ball was sent into the Navy goalmouth, and, while the two Navy men were deciding who was to clear it, Tam nipped in between the two and netted.

NAVY'S GREAT ENDEAVOURS. Subsequent pressure by the Chinese found the Navy defenders shaky, but the whistle for "offside" saved Illot from being troubled. From Ip's corner kick, Wong Mee-shun came up and netted the fifth goal with a splendid shot. From the kick off, however, the Navy recovered splendidly and made tremendous endeavours to amend their arrears.

Their forwards were masters of the game until the end, but although Purkins beat Lim to bring the score to within two of the Chinese total, they still lacked that fine finishing power that the Chinese possessed, and the final whistle sounded with the Navy demonstrating that although they were beaten by goals, they still had enough stamina and speed to keep the Chinese goal in danger as long as the game lasted.

Result:
Navy 3
South China 5
Sgt. G. Caswell, R.A., had charge of the game and lined out the following teams:
Navy:—Illot; Rivers, Robertson; Burrows, Shirras, Goodrich; Ferris, Usher, Purkins, Sizer and Hudsphith.
South China:—Lim Thin-chun; Leung In-chan, Lau Mau; Tong Kwan, Leung Wing-chiu, Li Kwok-wai; Yeung Shui-yick, Wong Mee-shun, Fung King-cheong, Tam Kong-pak and Ip Pak-wa.

STONECUTTERS WIN.

Herald Tennis Team
Lose 32 to 31.

BOWHAY IMPRESSES.

THE Wireless Station, Stonecutters, tennis team entertained and defeated a team from H. M. S. Herald on Saturday by 32 games to 31.

The feature of the match was the play of Bowhay who, brought into the side at the last moment, played excellent tennis. The following were the results:
Hope and Ainsworth (W.S.):—beat Bowhay and Webber 5-2.
lost to Ellis and Davis 5-4.
beat Blake and Tester 4-3.
Goodman and Chaddick (W.S.):—lost to Ellis and Davis 3-4.
beat Blake and Tester 4-3.
beat Bowhay and Webber 4-3.
Rowe and Young (W.S.):—lost to Bowhay and Webber 2-5.
lost to Blake and Tester 3-4.
beat Ellis and Davis 4-3.

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FEATURES

FOR TO-MORROW'S SPORT
PAGES.

CRICKET

By Athol.

HOCKEY

By Centre Half.

RUGBY

By Scrum Half.

PARDOE'S WATCH OVER SUEN.

Splendid Artillery
Defence Triumphs.

ATHLETIC FORWARDS WEAK.

(By SPOT KICK).

THE Athletic again disappointed their supporters, for, after losing heavily last week against Kowloon, they put up a poor show against the Artillery and went down to the tune of 4 goals to 1.

The Artillery were the better team in every department, and showing surprising speed. In fact they beat the Chinese at their own game, never waiting for the ball to come to them, taking up the offensive with quick passing, and using their height to advantage.

The Athletic halves never got a grip on the game and could not make contact with the forwards who had to resort to the "fetch and carry" method.

Pardoe was a great general at centre-half for the Gunners and looked after Suen so well that the latter had only two or three shots at goal during the game.

GOOD DEFENCE.

The Artillery were well served in defence, Combey brought off some fine saves, being well covered by Allen and Taylor who played with good understanding. It was easily seen that the defence worked by plan, for the wing halves were never far from the wingers, leaving the backs to attend to the Athletic's inside men. Rodger and Collier assisted Pardoe to keep the forwards piled with splendid passes and the three halves kept the Athletic forwards so well in check that they were rarely dangerous.

At forward, the Gunners were best served by the two inside men, Gough and Moore, the latter giving an "object lesson" in headwork. Bryant was a hard worker in the centre but Wood had an off day, the good centres he made being nullified by the splendid opportunities he missed when dallying instead of centring. Seal always had the better of the exchanges with Wong Sui-wo and Li Kwok-sui, who were the weak links in the Athletic defence.

Lam Yuk-ying was the better of the two backs, indeed the whole of the Athletic's fault lay on the right, Wong Sui-wa, being excellent in defence as was Ho Choi-yin.

The Athletic forward line was weak with Suen outstanding, Chan Kwong-yu being the better of the two wingers. On numerous occasions Suen rallied his forces but he played a lone hand and often beat two or three men to be finally outnumbered.

PENALTY MISSED.

A crowd of over two thousand saw the Athletic take up the offensive and a great shot from Cheung King-sang was punched out by Combey. Pardoe sent Seal away and from the latter's centre the ball was scrambled away for a corner from which the Athletic goal was stormed.

A defender pushed out a certain goal with his hands and Bryant took the resulting penalty kick and after scoring with his first shot, the kick was ordered to be retaken for Bryant to kick over the bar.

The Artillery came again and Wood centred for Moore to head a splendid goal. The Athletic were very unsettled after this reverse, and the Artillery had matters their own way. Wood missed a good chance and then Cheung Wong-yu fired in a great shot which Combey did well to turn for a corner. Both ends were visited in turn and after Seal had had a good shot saved, a free kick was the outcome of the Artillery going further ahead. Rodger sent the ball to Moore who quickly turned the ball to the unmarked Bryant whose shot gave Sui no chance. Cheung Wong-yu was put through by Suen but he missed badly.

The Athletic rearranged the forward line in the second half, and, after Sui had made great save from Pardoe, Chan Kwong-yu ran down the wing, and from his centre Mok So reduced the Gunners' lead.

The game now became interesting with the Athletic trying hard for the equaliser. Suen took a



MISS ENID LO and Mrs. C. P. F. James before the Final of the Ladies' Singles Championship which the holder won by 6-1, 6-4. Miss Lo has achieved the feat of winning the three major titles in the one year:—Mixed Doubles with her brother, M. W. Lo. Singles Championship. Doubles Championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham.

LADIES' DOUBLES WALK OVER.

Mrs. Grimble Forced To
Withdraw.

AN injury to Mrs. Grimble's eye was responsible for Mrs. R. E. Tottenham and Miss Enid Lo winning the Colony's Ladies' Doubles Championship on a walk over at the U. S. R. C. yesterday.

It is understood that Mrs. Grimble's eye injury will keep her off the courts for at least a week and so she and Mrs. Lochner were forced to concede a walk over.

A large crowd were disappointed by the announcement that there would be no Final, but they were able to witness three or four sets which were played to fill in the time before the presentation of prizes. M. K. Lo and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham played against M. W. Lo and Mrs. Lochner, and Major Lochner and Miss Enid Lo played against Dr. Tottenham and Mrs. C. P. F. James.

The following were the winners of the Colony Championships played under the auspices of the United Services Recreation Club.

SINGLES: MISS ENID LO.
Runner-up—Mrs. C. P. F. James.

DOUBLES: MRS. R. E. TOTTENHAM AND MISS E. LO.

Runner-up—Mrs. Lochner and Mrs. Grimble.

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free kick, Combey making a great save, pushing the ball out to Mok So who headed over.

PARDOE CONVERTS PENALTY. The Artillery halves again took a hold of the game and Moore was going through when he was fouled, and Pardoe scored from the "spot kick." Suen started off a movement being charged off the ball when close in, his shot going over the bar. The Athletic tried all they knew; Mok So brought Combey to his knees with a great shot; Cheung King-sang hit the side netting; and when splendidly placed, Chan centred too squarely for Suen to go back to be dispossessed when close in.

After this onslaught it was obvious that the Athletic had shot their bolt and the Artillery took up the running again. Seal went close with a bouncing shot which Sui had to turn for a corner. This was splendidly placed by Wood and Gough had little difficulty in heading past Sui for the fourth goal.

Result:
Athletic 1
Artillery 4

G.P.O. Darlington lined out the following teams:

Athletic:—Sui Tin-ling; Wong Sui-wo; Lam Yuk-ying; Li Kwok-sui; Wong Sui-wa; Ho Choi-yin; Chan Kwong-yu; Mok So; Suen Kam-shun; Cheung Wong-yu and Cheung King-sang.
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WILSON AND COGAN IN FINAL.

Planner And MacKnight
Heavily Beaten.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB TITLE.

THE semi-final rounds of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship was decided over the Kowloon course yesterday over 36 holes, with the following results:—

D. C. Wilson beat P. W. Planner 9 and 8.

J. E. H. Cogan beat J. MacKnight 6 and 5.

The morning round between D. C. Wilson and P. W. Planner provided an evenly contested game with the honours slightly in favour of Wilson, who stood one up after the first eighteen holes.

Early disaster befell Planner in the afternoon round which allowed Wilson to increase his lead at nearly every hole. Winning seven holes out of nine in the outward half Wilson went ahead to secure victory at the 23rd hole by nine and eight.

J. E. H. Cogan was in rampant form against J. MacKnight in the morning round and played sparkling golf to secure a lead of six holes at the eighteenth, his return for the morning round being 68.

In the afternoon round Cogan maintained the lead and had little difficulty in winning the match by six up and five to play.

G. M. YOUNG GOLF CUP.

Two further matches were decided in the G. M. Young Golf Cup at Fanling over the week-end with the following results:—

Socony-Vacuum Co. beat H.K. & Shanghai Bank.

Dodwell & Co. beat Union Insurance.

K.C.C. BEAT KENT AT TENNIS.

Comdr. Packer and Lt.-
Comdr. Shaw Shine.

THE Kowloon Cricket Club defeated a team from H. M. S. Kent by 6 sets to 3 in a tennis encounter at the K.C.C. yesterday.

The feature of the match was the play of Comdr. Packer and Lt.-Comdr. Shaw who won all their three sets.

The results in detail were:
E. C. Fincher and A. Macauley (K.C.C.) beat Lt.-Cdr. Jones and Pay Lt.-Cdr. Nave 6-1, 3-6, 12-10; beat Cdr. Shears and Lt.-Cdr. Campbell 6-2, 6-4; lost to Cdr. Packer and Lt.-Cdr. Shaw 4-6, 3-6.

S. A. Gray and G. A. White (K.C.C.) beat Jones and Nave 7-5, 6-3; beat Shears and Campbell 7-5, 6-1; lost to Packer and Shaw 4-6, 6-0.

D. S. Green and C. I. Stapleton (K.C.C.) beat Jones and Nave 6-3, 6-4; beat Shears and Campbell 6-2, 6-3; lost to Packer and Shaw 3-6, 3-6.

"HAT TRICK."

E. Esmail's Bowling
Beats Police.

LEAGUE SIDE OUT FOR 55.

E. Esmail performed the "hat trick" in yesterday's Cricket match between St. Joseph's College and the Police Recreation Club at the Valley when he dismissed B. Thorpe, C. Pile and W. Loughlin with successive deliveries.

The Police never recovered from this setback and were dismissed for 55, Esmail returning the splendid analysis of:

O M R W
5 3 5 5

St. Joseph's encountered little difficulty in scoring the required number of runs to win by 7 wickets.

MCCORKINDALE OUT-POINTED.

Stribling Cautioned
for Holding.

DESERVING WINNER.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. Young Stribling, the pride of Georgia and a contender for the world's heavyweight boxing title, outpointed Don McCorkindale, the South African champion, in a twelve round bout here to-day.

The American, though often cautioned for holding, was undoubtedly the better man. McCorkindale allowed Stribling to dictate the terms of the fight and played right into the American's hands by his cautious methods.—Reuter.

HARLEQUINS WIN AT TWICKENHAM.

Home Rugby Results

London, Yesterday. Results of Rugby Union matches played to-day were as follows:
Bristol 9 U.S. Aldershot 8
Coventry 29 Guy's 11
Gloucester 12 Devonport 4
Harlequins 18 Birkenhead 5
Leicester 3 Waterloo 13
Richmond 6 Blackheath 15
Rosslyn 6 London Scot. 13
—Reuter.

RALPH'S SHIELD RESULT.

The Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. won the Ralph's Shield competition which is competed for by various divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and which was concluded at King's College yesterday.

The following were the scores:—H.K. Chinese Y.M.C.A. 125½; King's College 115½; Chinese Athletic 115; Mongkok 111; Kowloon 110; Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. 106; King's College Old Boys 103; and Shaukiwan 88.

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THE SCREAMING PLANT

(Continued from page 7.)

three, far underground, and as we descended the stairs a cloud of hot steam swirled to meet us.

"Moist heat," explained Barker. "Hot steam and electric arc-lights. I had a copper boiler from the wash-house installed down here, and it has been boiling away for three weeks now. Water is fed into the boiler through a hose-pipe, and I build up the fire every four hours. The steam gives the temperature and humidity of the swamps in which these plants lived. The electric arcs provide light and additional warmth."

We reached the bottom cellar. It was difficult to breathe in the super-heated atmosphere, but I peered through the mist of steam and there, swaying in a bed of soft, oozy mud, was the strange plant I had ever set eyes on.

I said swaying. I mean it. Although no wind blew in the cellar, to cause motion, the plant writhed slowly from side to side. It was, as Barker had said, about the length of his arm in height. The stem was thick and two thick branches with a mass of thin roots at their ends, stuck out near the leaf cluster at the top. It was white in colour, but the stem of the plant was blotched with patches of light-grey fungus.

"You see?" said Barker. "True, there are no legs such as were shown in the illustration, but there are arms, and tentacles. Look closer. You will see the suckers at the end of each tentacle."

I looked. Flower-shaped suckers there were indeed, opening and shutting like so many gasping mouths waiting for food. I shuddered. There was something indescribably evil, loathsome, about the creature.

"See! It seems to be growing every minute!" cried Barker, clutching me by the arm. The plant was swelling and then subsiding, swelling again, and each time it seemed to increase its stature.

I could stand it no longer. "Come on, let us get out of this!" I said thickly. "This heat is overpowering."

He was loath to leave, and at last I had to take him by the arm and literally drag him out of that cellar. The sweet air up above was good after that sweltering oven below.

"Isn't it a beauty?" said Barker, enthusiastically. "Why, it is the greatest—"

"Yes, yes, I know—I agree," was my hasty rejoinder, but though I tried to change the subject, he kept me talking about that foul thing down in the cellar for nearly an hour before I left.

For two days after that I tried to forget about Barker's cellar and the plant that was sprouting there, but always the Thing came uppermost in my thoughts. It was on the morning of the third day that it began to worry me. I could not concentrate on my work, for mentally I was visualising that writhing creature in its artificially-created tropical swamp, and Barker peering lovingly at it through the miasma.

Barker building up the boiler fires. Barker tending the arc-lights like an acolyte at the altar of an evil god. Barker reaching out to touch the tentacles. . . .

I went to his house. I had to go. It had crushed him with its root-fingers, and the suckers were drinking the blood. That was what I wanted—blood. Blood gave it power. Even as I stood there, astounded, it grew and grew, and the humming noise developed. I realised then that I was trapped. I could not get past. The blood of the cat had given just the impetus it needed to become dangerous. I was cut off. And I remained cut off until your arrival. You saved my life.

"Don't let's talk about it," I muttered, and hurried him upstairs for a stiff glass of whisky.

We sprayed the battered stump and the hacked pieces of the mandrake, if such it was, with acid, and burnt the foul thing into oblivion. Barker locked up that bottom cellar after the mud and the apparatus had been removed. The terrible death of his pet cat hurt him deeply, and when I said I went to see him, I noticed that the faded old volume containing the legend of the mandrake had disappeared from the shelves of his bookcase.

I entered by the window, calling his name.

"Where are you?" I shouted. But the words came-echoing back to me, mockingly.

The door leading to the cellar was open. I dashed down the steps. Then—

"Help!"

Barker's voice! My heart was pounding like a trip-hammer as I thundered down the last flight of steps and into the hot mist.

There was Barker, in the furthest corner of the cellar, crouching against the wall, and looming over him was that dreadful Thing, now grown to the size of a man.

A low humming noise filled the air. The plant was weaving from side to side, its tentacle arms outstretched towards the cowering man. On the bed of mud was a mangled heap of fur—Tom, the Persian cat, crushed to death.

"For God's sake, get an axe!" cried Barker, as he saw me. "Quickly!"

I turned and ran. In one of the upper cellars I found a short-handled chopper and a garden spade, armed. With these, I dashed below again. Only just in time. The roots of the arms were reaching out towards my friend, nearer and nearer, the suckers dripping with a wet, sticky mass. Barker gave a despairing shout, and—

Whack! I brought down the blade of the spade with all my force on the monster's trunk.

It screamed.

Shriek as the shriek of a siren was that cry of agony.

One set of suckers had already fastened on Barker's shoulder, but now they fell away as the plant writhed backwards towards me.

I struck again and again, and still the shrill screams of the Thing rent the air. I tossed the short chopper to Barker, and reaching out he slashed at the tentacles.

It took us five minutes to cut it to pieces. When it was safe for him to move, Barker came round the bed of mud and joined me, wiping the sweat from his face. He was trembling.

"By Heaven, you only just got here in time!" he gasped. "I've been down here four hours. Came down early this morning to see to the fires, and was amazed to see how the plant had grown overnight. I was round in that corner, examining one of the arc-lights, when poor Tom came down. I had shut him out of the cellars while this—this Thing was growing. He stood over there—the nearest point to it—and it seemed to me that the cat was hypnotised by the plant, for he made no move as the tentacles came slowly down towards him. Then—it got him."

He shuddered at the memory.

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ADVENTURE ON A TRAWLER.

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There were five men aboard as we sailed from Dieppe in the early morning; a strong south-westerly wind still blew and squalls of rain drove before it. My friends could not afford to wait longer for calm. Jules and Auguste cast off the moorings. Blondel slowly opened up the throttle of the Diesel engine and the Notre-Dame de la Delivrande turned on her heel, made her curtsy to the statue of the Virgin high on the cliff, as she met the first swell from the Channel, and passed out between the jetties wallowing and flapping her sails as her crew hoisted them.

Good Sea Boat.

Along the coast, on a north-westerly slant in the teeth of the wind the Notre-Dame de la Delivrande rolled and pitched hard, but kept dry, for she was light and rose quickly to the seps. When he had her well set on her course Raymond lashed the wheel and called Albert to help him get ready the trawl. It lay along the port side, the long boom and its two steel shoes stowed outboard and chained to the rail. They freed the ends of the securing chains, rolled the net so that it would pay out smoothly, and laid the towing-lines of stout manilla in wide coils, one on each side of the ship. The edge of the net was weighted with steel chain that shone like silver from scouring on the bottom. When pulled clear and thrown down on the deck it jingled like silver bells.

The trawl ready, we turned north. Raymond soon found the found the edge of a bank he knew of, and the Notre-Dame slowed down, circling to port to keep the slack of the net out of her propeller. The boom splashed into the sea and sank astern, the net spread like a brown cobweb on the water and then sank too.

For four hours the Notre-Dame moved to and fro over the great bank, towing her trawl in a sea that grew wilder and whiter, under lashing rain. We should not catch much, Raymond said. At last he gave the order to haul up the trawl. The Notre-Dame lay rolling in the trough, a wooden winch in the bows began to creak, and bit by bit the gear came home.

Caught On A Rock.

He went into the wheelhouse to turn his boat's head eastwards—it was no use staying out now with a broken net. A point of rock had caught it, perhaps almost as soon as it was lowered, and wasted the day. In the pocket, at the very end, was a great bundle of yellow seaweed with mixed up in it a few skate, one fine turbot, and a collection of hard-headed bright pink fish with legs under their chins. They turned these out on the dock and Blondel took a skate and cut into strips for supper.

Now a burst of pale sunshine came through the clouds, and the Notre-Dame de la Delivrande, running at seven knots before the wind, was steady, and the rain stopped. Raymond and Albert got out their big wooden shuttles and began to mend the net, side by side on the rail. As the Notre-Dame drove down to Dieppe the sun shone more warmly, the stovepipe smoked more temptingly, and the engine sang faster and faster, the double beat of its two cylinders making a lively tune. Albert winked at me, wiping his wet knife on his trousers, and Savarin-Idore-Florentin Blondel called "C'est fini!" from below.

"Along?" said Raymond. "A table! Et tout de meme c'est un bon bateau, le Notre-Dame de la Delivrande, dites donc, c'est pas vrai?"

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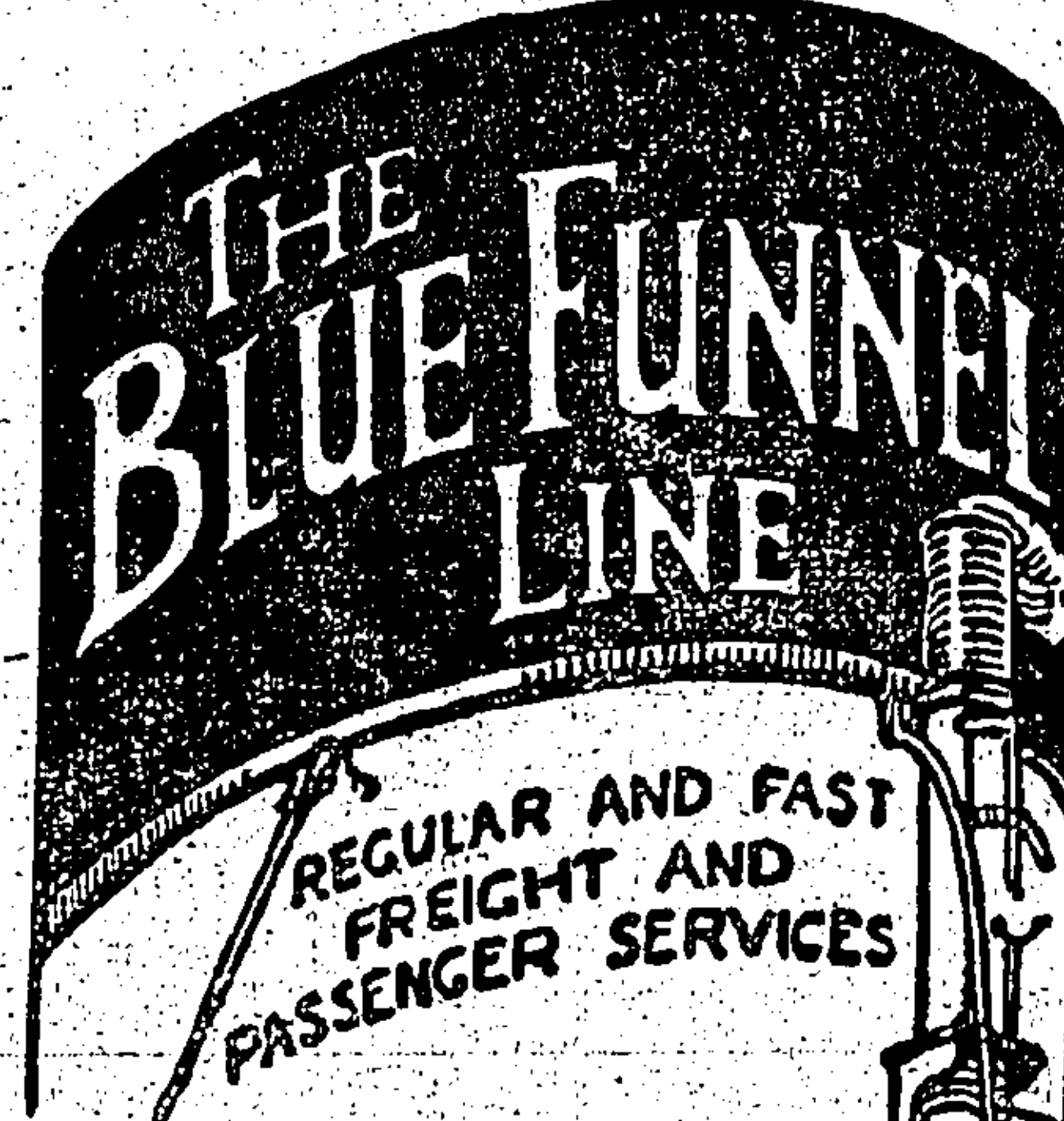
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ARSENAL TRIUMPH AT LEEDS ROAD BY ONLY GOAL

London, Saturday.

English League.

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	4	Blackburn	0
Bolton	3	Wednesday	0
Chelsea	3	Manchester C.	1
Huddersfield	0	Arsenal	1
Leicester	2	Birmingham	2
Liverpool	2	W. Bromwich	0
Middlesboro'	0	Leeds	1
Newcastle	0	Derby	1
Portsmouth	1	Sunderland	3
Sheffield U.	3	Everton	3
Wolves	2	Blackpool	2

TABLE TO DATE.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Arsenal	19	15	2	32
Aston Villa	19	11	3	27
Wednesday	19	11	5	25
Derby	20	10	4	25
Leeds	19	7	3	23
Huddersfield	19	9	7	21
West Bromwich	19	9	7	21
Newcastle	18	9	6	21
Everton	19	8	7	20
Sunderland	19	8	7	20
Bolton	19	8	7	20
Sheffield U.	19	7	7	19
Portsmouth	18	7	8	18
Blackburn	19	5	8	17
Liverpool	19	6	8	17
Chelsea	19	7	10	16
Blackpool	19	8	11	16
Manchester C.	19	7	11	15
Birmingham	19	5	9	15
Middlesboro'	18	4	12	10
Leicester	19	1	10	8
Wolves	18	3	12	9

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford	3	Notts C.	4
Burnley	1	Swansea	2
Charlton	2	Southampton	0
Grimsby	1	Fulham	0
Manchester U.	4	Lincoln	1
Notts F.	0	Millwall	0
Oldham	2	Chesterfield	0
Plymouth	3	Port Vale	1
Preston	1	Bradford C.	4
Stoke	2	Bury	3
Tottenham	2	West Ham	2

TABLE TO DATE.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Stoke C.	19	10	3	29
Bradford C.	19	11	3	27
Tottenham	19	10	4	25
Bury	19	10	4	25
Swansea	19	10	6	23
Fulham	19	8	5	21
Manchester U.	19	7	7	21
Millwall	19	8	7	20
Plymouth	19	8	7	20
Oldham	19	7	7	19
Southampton	19	8	9	18
Grimsby	19	6	7	18
Notts C.	19	6	7	18
Bradford	19	8	10	17
Lincoln	19	6	8	17
Notts F.	19	4	6	17
Port Vale	19	6	9	15
West Ham	19	5	9	15
Preston	19	6	11	14
Burnley	19	4	10	12
Chesterfield	18	3	9	12
Charlton	19	4	12	11

Mamak Hockey Table

(Up to and including yesterday's games.)

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio	11	10	0	1	45	21
1st Bty. H.K.S.	10	9	0	1	46	19
R.C. Signals	13	10	2	1	41	13
R.A.S.C.	15	7	3	20	21	17
St. Andrew's	10	7	2	1	38	11
Inceogates	7	7	0	27	3	14
Medway	12	6	2	4	24	11
Police	7	4	1	2	13	10
Phoenix	9	3	3	8	16	17
R.E.	13	4	8	1	14	20
University	8	4	4	0	15	19
R.A.M.C.	12	2	6	4	9	20
12th R.A.	7	3	3	1	12	10
Wishart	5	3	2	0	10	15
Veteran	5	2	8	0	4	7
Tamar	9	1	6	2	10	22
24th B.A.	7	1	5	1	7	21
20th B.A.	7	1	5	1	8	15
Parthian	4	1	3	0	6	11
German Club	10	2	8	0	8	37
R.A.O.C.	9	0	8	1	0	26
K.I.T.C.	11	0	10	1	6	40
6th Destroyers	1	0	1	0	1	2

ICE HOCKEY BOOM IN BRITAIN.

France Win First International.

An enormous boom in ice hockey is taking place in Great Britain. In the first international match of the season, France defeated Great Britain by one goal at the Hammer-smith Ice-drome, London.
Moussette and Cholete, the two brilliant French Canadians, were the mainstay of the French team.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	3	Queen's Park	4
Ayr	0	Celtic	1
Clyde	2	Morton	1
Dundee	3	E. Stirling	0
Falkirk	2	Kilmarnock	2
Motherwell	2	Cowdenbeath	0
Rangers	4	Hamilton	4
St. Johnstone	2	Hearts	1
St. Mirren	7	Airdrieonians	1
Third Lanark	0	Partick	3

TABLE TO DATE.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Motherwell	21	14	3	4
Rangers	21	13	3	5
Celtic	22	13	4	5
Hamilton	21	11	6	2
St. Johnstone	21	11	5	5
Aberdeen	22	12	8	2
St. Mirren	21	12	8	1
Partick	18	11	7	0
Kilmarnock	21	7	8	6
Queen's Park	20	8	10	2
Clyde	21	8	9	4
Falkirk	21	6	11	2
Cowdenbeath	21	6	11	4
Ayr U.	22	7	14	1
Dundee	20	5	10	5
Morton	21	5	15	3
East Stirling	20	4	15	1
Airdrie	20	4	15	1

PRIMO CARNERA SHOWS BIG IMPROVEMENT.

Beats Levinsky On Points.

Chicago, December 9.
Whatever doubt existed regarding whether Primo Carnera was a genuine contender for the heavyweight championship of the world was removed to-night when he won a decision over King Levinsky, the seventh ranking American heavyweight. Carnera weighed in at 261 lb and Levinsky at 197 lb.
Throughout the fight, which went the limit of ten rounds, Carnera showed speed and good generalship.
Carnera won a decision over Levinsky last year, when both were considerably less experienced. To-night Carnera showed marked improvement.
—United Press.

Local Football At A Glance.

FIRST DIVISION	CLUB	SCORE
ST. JOSEPH'S	2 CLUB	1
RECREIO	3 POLICE	1
KOWLOON	2 LINCOLNS	1
SECOND DIVISION	CLUB	SCORE
ST. JOSEPH'S	3 EASTERN	1
SOUTH CHINA	1 KOWLOON	1
NAVY	2 EWO	1
LINCOLNS	1 BORDERERS	1
ARTILLERY	2 CLUB	1
TSUNG TSI	0 ATHLETIC	1
THIRD DIVISION	CLUB	SCORE
RECREIO	2 RADIO	1
UNIVERSITY	0 R.E.	1
BORDERERS	4 R.A.S.C.	1
SOUTH CHINA	0 R.A.F.	1

Goal Scorers.

FIRST DIVISION.	GOALS
Ridley (Lincolns)	3
Johnston (Police)	3
Nelms (Kowloon)	2
Gomes (Recreio)	2
A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	1
B. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	1
Dominic (Club)	1
Mulpas (Lincolns)	1
Pie (Police)	1
Stephens (Police)	1
Bocha (Recreio)	1
SECOND DIVISION.	GOALS
Souza (St. Joseph's)	2
K. M. Omar (St. Joseph's)	1
O. Yin-hin (Eastern)	1
Ho Yin-hin (Ewo)	1
Benton (Navy)	1
Chadwick (Navy)	1
Frearson (Artillery)	1
Hardy (Artillery)	1
G. Duncan (Club)	1
Pau-Ke-ping (S. China)	1
Shak Piu-son (Athletic)	1
Hocquard (Lincolns)	1
THIRD DIVISION.	GOALS
Singh (Radio)	3
Sands (R.A.S.C.)	2
Fortey (Borderers)	2
Whitting (Engineers)	2
Pegg (Engineers)	2
Tate (R.A.F.)	1
Nelson (Borderers)	1
Purell (Borderers)	1
Lyock (Radio)	1
Barretto (Recreio)	1

DON BRADMAN THE TEA-DRINKER.

Sydney, December 10.
Cricket writers are now suggesting that the illness of Don Bradman, the record-breaking Australian batsman, is due to his daily habit of drinking dozens of cups of strong, black, stewed tea.

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The heaviest rainfall for the past two months was recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ending 11.30 a.m. to-day. A total of 1.745 inches was registered, bringing the year's total to 88.905 inches.

The weather report issued today forecasts further rain, with an improvement later. North-east wind will continue fresh.

JAPAN TRADE REGAINS LOST GROUND HERE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

892; printing paper from \$17,720 to \$38,832; and paperware from \$425 to \$15,767.

Metals' Decline.

On the other hand imports of metals from Japan fell from \$160,024 to \$54,379, while exports to Japan from Hong Kong under this head increased from \$220,717 to \$326,685.

Since November, 1931, total imports of merchandise into Hong Kong have fluctuated from the lowest dollar value (44.7 millions) in July, 1932, to the highest (65.4 millions) in March, 1932, while exports fluctuated from \$38.5 millions in July, 1932 to \$51.7 millions in March, 1932.

INEFFECTUAL PUNISHMENT OF CHINESE.

(Continued from page 1.)

Back for Money.

Lau Kwai, another returned deportee, admitted the charge but pleaded, that he had come back to the Colony to get some money from his family. His Lordship sentenced the accused to eighteen months' hard labour.

Kwok Luen-hing, alias Kwok Pin-man, pleaded guilty to breach of a deportation order. The accused, who is 29, was deported for life for two larcenies in November, 1928, and was arrested in the Colony on November 5, 1932. He had nothing to say. Sentence of three years' hard labour being passed.

An Old Offender.

Leung Lai, aged 50, was charged with breach of a deportation order.

He admitted the charge. Mr. Fraser prosecuting said that the accused was deported from the Colony in 1904, but no record of this could be found in any of the Police or Court files. The accused was at that time serving a sentence of 12 months' hard labour and was under a deportation order for five years.

In 1912 the accused was again convicted and banished for a further five years. Later, he was once again arrested and banished for twenty years.

In 1928 Leung Lai was once again arrested, and this time banished for life.

Leung Lai admitted the conviction and was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

INDIAN CONSTABLE STRUCK BY CAR.

Lying Critically Hurt In Hospital.

While going on duty yesterday morning, along the Praya at North Point, near the Taikoo Dockyard, Police Constable Arjan Singh, attached to Tsat Tse Mui, married quarters, Shaokwan was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. E. Mitford, of the Hong Kong Tramways Company. The constable sustained serious injuries to his head and is now lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition.

The injured man received medical treatment at the Taikoo Docks prior to being removed to hospital. P. C. Arjan Singh is 33, and joined the Force in 1923. In July this year, he was highly commended by the Inspector General of Police for alertness and initiative in extinguishing two fires at 95 Nam Cheong Street on May 3 before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Li Sang, who was deported on December 23, 1930, for 10 years and who was arrested in the Colony on November 21 last, pleaded guilty to other previous convictions, dating the charge and admitted several from 1926 to 1930. He was sentenced to two years' with hard labour.

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